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THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE,  
BARONET, &c. &c.  
GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND.

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Of the world's good wishes with him goes ;  
Blessings and prayers in nobler strain  
Than sceptred king or laurelled conqueror knows,  
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THE period for exchanging Rulers is, generally, an exciting one, and considerable anxiety is not unfrequently experienced, upon occasions of the kind, by such as are interested in the country's welfare.

At the present moment the transfer of authority from known and tried, to new and untried hands, assumes a more than ordinary interest, and is looked to by many with feelings of apprehension, if not of alarm.

There is, perhaps, no period in the history of our island, in which such a general and widespread regret has been experienced at the departure of a Governor, as that which has marked the anticipated relinquishment of authority by Sir Charles Metcalfe.

Previous Rulers have succeeded in winning the affections of portions of the community, and in deserving the gratitude and esteem of particu-

lar classes of the inhabitants ; it was reserved however for the distinguished individual who shortly takes his leave, perhaps for ever, of a country, over the affairs of which he has presided with so much honor to himself, and benefit to the people, to win golden opinions from men of every class—of every colour—and of every creed and shade of politics.

To the universal feeling of esteem entertained for Sir Charles Metcalfe, and of deep regret experienced at his retirement from the government of the colony, is to be attributed the publication of the present volume.

If the Resolutions passed at Public Meetings, and the Addresses which have been poured in upon his Excellency, convey any adequate idea of the feelings of the community, the desire so generally expressed to preserve those Resolutions and Addresses as testimonials of a country's love—of a country's gratitude—must be regarded at once as evidence of the sincerity of those feelings, and of the anxiety which is felt to continue the remembrance of them to the latest posterity.

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have carefully collected and collated the Resolutions and Addresses, and the Answers thereto, and now present the result of their labours (hastily performed, it is true,) as a memorial which they trust will not be found unsuited to preserve the recollection of Jamaica's best friend in the memory of an affectionate people, or to serve as a beacon to guide and direct future Governors in that course which cannot fail to entitle them to the like spontaneous and universal acknowledgments.

With these views and hopes is presented to the People of Jamaica their testimonials to the beneficial government of Sir Charles Metcalfe, and his acknowledgments of them; and it is only to be regretted that the short period allowed for getting up this compilation has prevented its being made more worthy of the interesting occasion—of the feelings of the inhabitants of this colony—and of the great and good man, of whose mild and paternal rule, and charitable and benevolent disposition, it is intended to be an humble memento.

*May 2, 1842.*

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

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PARISH OF ST. CATHERINE.

AT a public meeting of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Catherine, convened on Thursday, the 17th March, by his honor the Custos, by special request, for the purpose of preparing an address to his Excellency the Governor, previous to his relinquishing the government of this island, his Honor was called to the chair.

Mr. March proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That this meeting views the approaching departure of Sir C. T. Metcalfe from the government of this island with deep and unmingled regret.

Mr. March also proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That the wisdom, justice, and benevolence with which his Excellency has administered the government, demand our thanks, and the success that has attended his Excellency's administration has proved him worthy the confidence reposed in him by our Gracious Sovereign.

Mr. March also proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That the deep and lively interest which Sir Charles T. Metcalfe has, at all times, taken in the welfare of Jamaica, evinced as well by his untiring charity, as by his fair and upright representation of the state of the colony, during his administration, has entailed an eternal debt of gratitude on its inhabitants.

Mr. March also proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That an address, expressing the sentiments of these resolutions, be presented to his Excellency, and that a committee be appointed for the purpose of preparing such an address.

His honor the Custos then appointed Mr. March, the honorable E. Panton, the honorable W. D. Turner, and Sir M. H. Nepean, bart.

Mr. Asher proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That in order to afford all classes an opportunity of recording the admiration and esteem in which they hold their present beloved Governor, whose intended departure they most sincerely deplore, a committee be appointed to communicate with the other parishes of the island, for the purpose of devising the most appropriate means of erecting a Statue, or other Memorial, in the public square of this town, to perpetuate to posterity the name of Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Bart. &c. &c. Jamaica's best friend.

His honor the Custos appointed Mr. Asher, Mr. March, Mr. Russell, Mr. Sanguinetti, and Dr. Morales a committee for that purpose.

Dr. Morales proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That the Members of this parish be respectfully requested to support, in their places, any grant which may be proposed in the honorable the House of Assembly, to commemorate, by some permanent testimonial, the administration of his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe.

Mr. March, from the committee, presented the address, which being approved of, was adopted.

Mr. March proposed, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That the address, which has passed the meeting, be forwarded by a deputation, consisting of his honor the Custos, Mr. March, the honorable W. D. Turner, the honorable E. Panton, Sir M. H. Nepean, and Dr. Brodbelt.

Mr. March moved, and it was unanimously

*Resolved*—That the subscription in aid of the Statue or Memorial to Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, do not exceed £2, nor be less than 1s. in order that the list may be accessible to all persons.

WM. RAMSAY, Custos.

His honor the Custos being requested to leave the chair, and Sir M. H. Nepean invited thereto,

It was moved and carried that the thanks of this meeting

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are due to his honor the Custos for his promptitude in calling the meeting, his ready attention to the wishes of the parishioners, and his able conduct in the chair.

M. H. NEPEAN.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR  
CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the parish of St. Catherine, view the approaching departure of your Excellency from the government of this island with deep and unmingled regret. But while the wisdom, justice, and benevolence with which your Excellency has administered the government, demand our thanks, and will be subject of deep reflection for the future, we feel that the success which has attended your Excellency's administration, has proved you worthy of the confidence reposed in you by our Gracious Sovereign at a time of unparalleled difficulty.

Your Excellency's reputation, as the liberal and enlightened public functionary in the British Empire in the East, was eminently calculated to advance and ensure the progress and stability of free institutions in the West.

We appreciate your Excellency, as well in the character of the private friend as the public benefactor—for amid the conflict of interests and opinions, your Excellency has established harmony between the sentiments of the people and the acts of the government; all classes of the community have been led to seek, and have found their best interests in a conformity with the views of a presiding authority—proving by its ready activity in works of public good—in unexampled benevolence and charity, and by its attention to pursuits of industry and enterprize, its entire devotedness to the happiness of the people, and the prosperity of the colony.

Your Excellency will at all times be remembered by us with regard—your health—your fortunes—your welfare in public and in private, will never cease to be objects of solicitude to the inhabitants of this colony, but more particularly of this parish.

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of  
the Parish of St. Catherine.*

I wish, gentlemen, that it were in my power to express how

deeply I feel the kindness which you have manifested, not on the present occasion alone, but throughout the period of my residence among you, to an unbounded extent, and in every possible way. Words, however, would convey a feeble notion of the thankfulness with which I shall ever dwell on the recollection of the friendly conduct that I have experienced in every part of this island.

I shall part from you with great regret. The only cause for my retirement is that craving for home, which seems to be implanted in the hearts of all, and which nothing but necessity, or a strong sense of duty, can overcome. Having persuaded myself that I may return to England without any dereliction of duty, I have yielded to the desire which I cannot eradicate, and hope to pass the remainder of my days in that country, from which I have been separated by occupation in the public service for more than forty years. If I could have regarded any land but England as my home, I know not where I could have been more happy than in Jamaica, in the discharge of duties rendered easy by general support and co-operation, in cordial intercourse with warm and generous hearts, enjoying, in your beautiful mountains, a delightful climate not to be surpassed in healthfulness, mildness, and equability by any in the world, and contemplating the interesting progress of a happy population, who, in full possession of liberty, independence, and comfort, are efficiently protected in all the rights of freedom, by the impartial administration of equitable laws.

I appreciate, as the highest honor that a man can receive, the esteem of those who are competent to judge his conduct; and although I am sensible, that in my case your praise must be ascribed to your kindness, I shall not the less cherish with pride, as long as I live, the remembrance of your affectionate address.

Accept, gentlemen, my heartfelt wishes for your welfare and happiness; and my anxious hope that Jamaica may soon add the return of wealth and prosperity to the other blessings which she now enjoys.

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#### PARISH OF ST. JOHN.

At a meeting of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the parish of St. John, held according to public advertisement, at the Court-House, Point-Hill, on Saturday the 2d day of April, 1842, pursuant to a requisition to the Senior Magistrate, for the purpose of addressing His Excel-

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lency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, previous to his intended departure from this island.

William Collman, Esquire, Senior Magistrate, stated that, in compliance with a requisition he had received, most numerous and respectively signed, he had convened this meeting. Not having the requisition with him, he would inform the meeting that it was for the purpose of addressing our very excellent Governor previous to his departure. He therefore need not say that he fully expected that the utmost unanimity would exist on such a subject.

Thomas Bowden, Esquire, moved that William Collman, Esquire, do take the chair.

Dr. Morales laid before the meeting the following resolutions, which were seconded by William Queenborough Wright, Esquire, and unanimously agreed to :—

*Resolved, 1st*—That the inhabitants of the parish of St. John participate with their fellow-colonists in the feelings of deep and unfeigned regret at the approaching departure from this island of our justly beloved and esteemed Governor Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 2d*—That in the opinion of this meeting Sir Charles T. Metcalfe has, by his firmness and wisdom in conducting the government of this island, entitled himself to the unbounded confidence of the inhabitants ; for while he has, by his mildness and impartiality, allayed those excitements which so generally prevailed among all classes of the community at the period of his arrival, he has, at the same time, by his unceasing acts of benevolence and charity, endeared himself in the hearts of all, and voluntarily entailed upon the whole people of Jamaica a debt of everlasting gratitude.

*Resolved, 3d*—That this meeting, deeply sensible of the good government of Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, cannot permit him to quit our shores without expressing the feelings entertained by the inhabitants of the parish of St. John, in common with the whole island, of attachment to his person, and confidence in his rule, and offering our best wishes and prayers for his future health and prosperity.

*Resolved, 4th*—That an address be presented to Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, from the inhabitants of this parish, embodying the foregoing resolutions, and that the chairman be requested to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

Dr. Morales then presented to the meeting an address that he had prepared, which, on being read, was unanimously adopted.

It was then proposed, and unanimously agreed to:

*Resolved, 5th*—That the members of this parish, with William Q. Wright, Esquire, be a deputation to present the address to His Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 6th*—That this meeting will most cordially co-operate with the inhabitants of the parish of St. Catherine in promoting the erection of some permanent testimonial, to commemorate to posterity the wisdom, impartiality, and benevolence of so wise and amiable a ruler as Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, the benefactor and friend of the island of Jamaica.

*Resolved, 7th*—That the following gentlemen be a committee to communicate with the central committee, in Spanish-Town, to make all necessary arrangements to collect subscriptions, and otherwise to carry out the views of this meeting, in forwarding the object contemplated, and that five be a quorum:—

*Committee.*—William Collman, James Gilzean, Thomas Bowden, Adam W. Thorburn, Philip O'Reilly, Edmund W. Bourke, John Aris, W. Q. Wright, Revd. James Dawson, James Johnson, John Bowra, D. Smith, Alexander Armstrong, Alexander Thomas, P. B. Thomas, D. M'Pherson, Revd. C. H. Hall, and John S. Gentle, Esquires.

*Resolved, 8th*—That the amount of subscriptions shall not in any case exceed the sum of £2 sterling, or be less than one shilling, in order that all classes who may be desirous of evincing their feelings may be enabled to aid in so laudable an undertaking.

WILLIAM COLLMAN, *Chairman.*

William Collman, Esquire, having been requested to leave the chair, Charles M'Larty Morales, Esquire, M. D. was called thereto, when it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this meeting be given to William Collman, Esquire, for his readiness in convening this meeting, as well as for his able conduct in the chair.

C. M'L. MORALES.

#### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR C. T. METCALFE, BARONET, G. C. B. GOVERNOR, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and others, the Inhabitants of the parish of St. John, cannot but participate in the feelings of deep and unfeigned regret so generally evinced by our fellow-colonists at the approaching departure of your Excellency from our island.

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At the period of your Excellency's arrival among us, the island of Jamaica was in an excited and distracted state, property had become almost valueless, and party was arrayed against party, while the whole of our social and political system portrayed a discontented and unsettled aspect ; but, by the aid of the Almighty Ruler, your Excellency has been enabled, through the wisdom, impartiality, and mildness of your administration, to calm down and allay all irritated feelings, and once more rendered us a peaceful and contented people : For this alone we should owe your Excellency a debt of everlasting gratitude—but when we reflect further on the innumerable other benefits which your unceasing charity, benevolence, and humanity have spread amongst us, we feel that your Excellency is endeared in the hearts of us all, and that on your departure, our benefactor and best friend will have quitted us.

We cannot refrain from expressing how highly we appreciate your Excellency's constant and undeviating exertions to maintain that good understanding and confidence between the British government and the people of this island, and which must always be regarded by us as evincing a deep and lively anxiety in the welfare and interests of Jamaica, while the successful result attending those efforts eminently entitles your Excellency to our most grateful acknowledgments, and fully justifies the confidence reposed in your Excellency by our beloved Monarch.

In conclusion we would assure your Excellency, that to whatever part of the world duty or inclination may direct you, the best wishes and prayers of the inhabitants of this parish for your health and prosperity, in unison with those of the whole people of Jamaica, will always accompany your Excellency.

WILLIAM COLLMAN, *Chairman.*

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and others the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. John.*

I cannot sufficiently thank you, gentlemen, for the affectionate sentiments which you express ; but thank you, I do, and that from the bottom of my heart. With whatever degree of pleasure I may in other respects look back to my administration of the government of Jamaica, the kindness which I have experienced from its inhabitants, and the burst of affection from all quarters on the occasion of my departure, will ever be remembered by me with gratitude and delight. It would argue utter heartlessness if a country were not endeared to me, which manifests such warm and generous

feelings—my thoughts will be always here—I shall long to learn that prosperity is restored, and that all doubts of success in the profitable cultivation of the land have been removed.—May the Almighty grant to you this and every other blessing. Be assured, gentlemen, that I prize beyond measure the honor that you have conferred on me.

### PARISH OF ST. DOROTHY.

THE inhabitants of this parish having assembled at the Court-House, in the Market-Place, on Saturday, the 26th March, the honorable Alexandre Bravo, Senior Magistrate, was called to the chair.

The Chairman informed the meeting, that he had called them together in compliance with a requisition, numerous and respectably signed by the Freeholders, Magistrates, Planters, Mechanics, and Labourers of this parish, requiring him to afford the inhabitants an opportunity of expressing their heartfelt gratitude towards the great Statesman and Philanthropist who was about to quit the shores of Jamaica—a country in which the name of Sir Charles Metcalfe would be handed down to posterity, as proverbial for generosity and honesty; who had administered his government in a manner unprecedented in the annals of colonial history; and who possessed the perfect confidence and affectionate admiration of all classes of her Majesty's subjects in this island. The Chairman said he would not detain the meeting with further remarks, but would proceed with the order of the day, when the following resolutions were submitted. They were duly seconded, and carried by acclamation:—

*Resolved, 1st.*—That the inhabitants of St. Dorothy deplore the departure of Sir Charles Metcalfe from the island of Jamaica as a great public calamity; they lament the loss of a Governor to whom the island owes an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

*Resolved, 2d.*—That the inhabitants of St. Dorothy look back with admiration at the manner in which Sir Charles Metcalfe has administered the government of this colony, during (the alas!) too short period of his residence amongst us.

*Resolved, 3d.*—That the inhabitants of St. Dorothy are convinced that the unbending justice and well tempered moderation, which have been so manifest in all the acts of Sir Charles Metcalfe's government, have done more to soften down asperities—to reconcile political differences, and to promote

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*Resolved, 4th.*—That while the inhabitants of St. Dorothy lament the loss of a wise and consummate Statesman as their Governor, they are not less grieved at the departure of Sir Charles Metcalfe, as the sincere friend to the colony—the unflinching advocate and defender of her rights and privileges—the helper of the poor—the guardian of the widow—the father to the orphan.

*Resolved, 5th.*—That the inhabitants of St. Dorothy do respond quickly to the call of their enlightened fellow-colonists in Kingston, and are ready to join them in an humble address and memorial to her Majesty, begging that she would be graciously pleased to confer on Sir Charles Metcalfe some mark of her royal favour, on his quitting a government in which his talents have been exercised as efficiently in her service, as they have been beneficial to her subjects in this colony.

*Resolved, 6th.*—That the inhabitants of St. Dorothy respond likewise with alacrity to the call of their fellow-parishioners in St. Catherine, and are ready to contribute, by every means in their power, to the erection of a Statue in the public square of St. Jago, to perpetuate the name and the virtues of Sir Charles Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 7th.*—By the freeholders and electors of the parish of St. Dorothy, that it be an instruction to the representatives in the Assembly, to support, on their behalf, any measure that may be proposed during the next session, to carry into execution the wish contained in the foregoing resolution.

*Resolved, 8th.*—That a committee be appointed to draw up an humble address to his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, and which address shall embody the substance of the preceeding resolutions, the sentiments, and feelings of the inhabitants of the parish.

The committee having been appointed, and having prepared an address, which being presented,

*Resolved, 9th.*—That the said address be adopted, and that the same be presented by a deputation, consisting of the honorable Alexandre Bravo, Francis M'Cook, S. B. Hylton, W. A. Bell, Peter Harrison, Esquires, and by the Rev. Thomas Alves, and Rev. William Broadley.

At the request and on behalf of the meeting,

ALEXANDRE BRAVO, *Senior Magistrate.*

The Chairman having left the chair, Mr. F. M'Cook was called thereto, and a vote of thanks was passed to the honor-



able Alexandre Bravo, for his conduct during the proceedings of the meeting.

FRANCIS M'COOK.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the inhabitants of St. Dorothy, approach your Excellency with the expression of our deep regret at your Excellency's departure from our country, and on our Excellency's relinquishing the government of Jamaica, an event which must be regarded as a great public calamity by all who have experienced the effects of the wisdom, justice, and moderation with which your Excellency has directed her affairs, from the first moment of your arrival amongst us. Jamaica owes to your Excellency an immeasurable debt of gratitude, which she can never repay; but while memory lasts, the name of Sir Charles Metcalfe will be dear to us, and to our children, who will be taught to venerate it, as synonymous with charity, virtue, and religion.

Your Excellency arrived in Jamaica at a time when discord, distrust, and dissatisfaction were rife amongst us. During your residence in the island it has pleased the Almighty God to afflict us with an unprecedented drought, but the confidence inspired by your Excellency's presence—the implicit reliance placed in your Excellency's justice, wisdom, and moderation, helped us to bear up against our misfortunes, and to hope for aid from the merciful hand that had thus afflicted us, and even under such circumstances we bear ready testimony to the fact, that your Excellency has done more to soften down asperity, to reconcile political differences, and to promote the cause of emancipation throughout the world, than could have been anticipated by the most sanguine.

If it were only the wise and good Governor that the inhabitants of Jamaica had to regret in the departure of your Excellency, they might be reconciled; but, with your Excellency, departs the best, the most sincere friend Jamaica ever possessed. The Legislature will lose its unflinching advocate and defender—the poor their certain aid and succour—the widow, her guardian—the orphan his protector.

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We pray that you may always possess the marked approbation of our Sovereign; that health may attend you, and life be prolonged to enjoy the comfort of an approving conscience for having done great good in the East and the West, and for having driven evil away by the presence and practice of good, wherever it has pleased God to send you.

At the request and on the behalf of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Dorothy,

**ALEXANDRE BRAVO, Senior Magistrate.**

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of St. Dorothy.*

The glowing language of affection in which you have addressed me, gentlemen, on the occasion of my approaching departure, excites my warmest thankfulness, but deprives me of the power of making any adequate reply. It is in the nature of kindness to exalt its object, but my own sense of insufficiency makes me conscious that I owe your praises to the generous spirit which overrates the conduct that it approves. Your approbation and esteem are not the less dear to me, and I shall cherish the recollection of them with a grateful heart, during the remainder of my existence.

The period of my administration in this island has been afflicted, not only by unexampled drought, which has paralyzed the labours of the husbandman, and burned up the sources of agricultural wealth, but also by commercial distress to a vast extent, and by excessive sickness and mortality. All these evils have been borne with patience and resignation, honorable to the character of the inhabitants of Jamaica. I trust that these afflictions have passed away, that an abundant crop will restore wealth to the landholder, that commerce will revive and flourish, and that general health will again cheer all hearts.

For yourselves, gentlemen, with my hearty thanks, accept my cordial wishes that every blessing may attend you.

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PARISH OF ST. THOMAS IN THE VALE.

AT a meeting of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, held at the Court House, on the 26th March, 1842, pursuant to a re-

quisition to his Honour the Custos, for the purpose of addressing his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, on his retirement from administering the government of this island,

His Honor the CUSTOS to the Chair.

*Resolved, 1st.* That the wise policy and judicious administration of his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, in the government of this island, is deserving of the lasting gratitude of all classes of its inhabitants.

*Resolved, 2d.* That in contemplating the early departure of his Excellency from this island, they do so with feelings of regret and dismay, only lessened by the hope that his successor will perceive the happy results of his benign and impartial administration, and be induced thereby to tread in his footsteps.

*Resolved, 3d.* That a committee, consisting of the following Gentlemen, Peter F. Garrigues, Charles E. Grant, Peter Blackburn, John Munro, and Samuel Rogers, Esquires, be appointed to prepare an address, embodying the substance of the foregoing resolutions, to be presented to his Excellency. The committee having prepared the address, the same was agreed to, and adopted.

*Resolved, 4th.* That the members of the parish, joined with the same committee, be requested to present the address in the most acceptable manner to his Excellency.

*Resolved, 5th.* That a committee of the following gentlemen — Peter F. Garrigues, John Munro, Peter Blackburn, Robert Allen, Charles E. Grant, Samuel Rogers, and Richard M. White, Esquires, be appointed to co-operate with the other parishes of the island, for the purpose of devising the most appropriate means of erecting a lasting memorial in Spanish-Town to perpetuate the name of Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe to future ages.

*Resolved, 6th.* That the subscription in aid of the same do not exceed £2, nor less than 1s. in order that the list may be accessible to all persons, and that Louis S. Roach, Esquire, be appointed Treasurer.

*Resolved, 7th.* That his Honor the Custos be requested to sign the resolutions and address.

JOHN EWART, *Custos.*

His Honor the Custos being requested to leave the chair, Peter F. Garrigues, Esquire, was called thereto. It was moved and carried, that the thanks of the meeting are due to his Honor the Custos for his conduct in the Chair.

PETER F. GARRIGUES.

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## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Custos, Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of St. Thomas in the Vale, in common with our fellow-colonists, beg leave to approach your Excellency, to express the unfeigned regret which is felt at your intended withdrawal from the administration of the government of this island, and your early departure from these shores. To your Excellency, who has on former occasions, received the approbation of your Sovereign, and who, from your honored retirement, was called upon to administer the government of this island, when her institutions were threatened with annihilation and her inhabitants stricken with the desolation which on every side surrounded them, the manifestations of regret now exhibited can only demonstrate to your Excellency how deeply we are impressed with the success which has attended your administration, while it can add little to that well merited eminence to which your former acts have raised you.

As a people who have already suffered so much from the diversity of opinions of our rulers, we cannot conceal that we view the retirement of your Excellency from this government with the most anxious feelings. In your Excellency we have found all that could be wished for, all that could be desired in a Governor of this island, and it would be almost unreasonable for us to expect a successor to your government combining so many estimable qualities.

Accept, then, this tribute from grateful hearts; and may the Almighty Ruler of the Universe shower down upon your Excellency the blessings of health and happiness during your sojourn in this world, and that everlasting happiness hereafter which is alone reserved for those who "do good, and seek peace."

JOHN EWART, *Custos*.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Custos, Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of St. Thomas in the Vale.*

Accept, gentlemen, my hearty thanks for the honor which you have conferred on me, by your kind and affectionate address, and for the regret that you express at my approaching departure.

As far as may depend on the government, I trust that you

have no reason to entertain any anxiety for the future.—Every account received of my successor inspires a confident hope that his administration will be in every respect satisfactory. The prosperity of Jamaica seems dependent on other circumstances—on a sufficient supply of labour, on economical cultivation, and on remunerating prices. On these points, in common with all who take an interest in the welfare of this island, I cannot avoid feeling considerable anxiety; but I will hope the best. I trust that the Father of All will protect and bless you, and reward your care with plenty and increase. I shall ever retain a warm recollection of your kindness.

### PARISH OF CLARENDON.

A VERY fully attended meeting was held at Chapelton, on Saturday, the 2d April, pursuant to requisition, for the purpose of addressing his Excellency the Governor previous to his departure.

His Honor the CUSTOS in the chair.

The chairman stated the purpose for which the meeting was called, and referred, in appropriate terms, to the general feeling of regret which pervaded the island at the prospect of Sir Charles Metcalfe's retirement—a feeling which arises from the high estimation in which his Excellency is held, and the consciousness of the vast benefits the community has derived from his administration of the government. He was sure the people of Clarendon felt as strongly on the subject as those of any parish in the island. If any gentleman had a proposition to make on the subject he was ready to hear it.

The Rector then moved, seconded by Gilbert Shaw, Esquire, that an address be presented to his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, expressive of our admiration of the mode in which his Excellency's government has been conducted—of our high personal esteem for himself, and our sincere regret at his intended departure.

An address to that effect having been read by the Rector, it was unanimously adopted by the meeting, and a deputation, consisting of the Custos, the Rector, and Gilbert Shaw, Esquire, was appointed to present the same to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

On the motion of Gilbert Shaw, Esquire, Paul M'Kenzie, Esquire, and on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Stewart, Robert Jackson, Esquire, were added to the deputation.

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The Custos having left the chair, and Paul McKenzie, Esquire, having taken it, thanks were voted to his Honor for his very proper conduct in the chair, and his readiness on all occasions to forward the views of his parishioners.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES  
THROPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, G.C.B. GOVERNOR  
OF JAMAICA.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Clarendon, of all classes, approach your Excellency, on the eve of your retirement from the government of this colony, rather to give expression to our respect and attachment than to eulogise your Excellency's administration. The language of praise becomes unnecessary, when the fact of its being merited is so strongly and so universally attested.

The deference due to the Representative of our Sovereign—the admiration which must always attend on the display of eminent statesmanlike abilities, and on the exercise of boundless munificence, must have drawn us together for the purpose of addressing your Excellency previous to your departure. On the present occasion, however, we are influenced by more deeply seated and more powerful sentiments of personal gratitude and esteem, because we have seen that your Excellency has, on all occasions, used the influence of your station and your talents, not only to allay agitation, and establish confidence amongst us, and to govern for the general benefit of all, but also, in your official correspondence, to rescue the community, of which we form a portion, from unmerited obloquy and reproach.

The remembrance of your generous benevolence lives in the hearts of the many who have been cheered and benefitted by its exercise, and will live in the edifices you have so largely aided in raising for the worship of God, as long as the sacred interests identified with them shall continue to be valued.

Our sincere desire is, that in whatever sphere your Excellency may hereafter move, it may long continue to be adorned by the display of those exalted virtues which have distinguished your career amongst us; and that to a good old age, you may, in addition to all else which can make life happy, enjoy, unclouded, that invaluable blessing, the consciousness



that to those with whom the business of life required you to associate, you have been a benefactor.

Signed at the request and on behalf of the meeting,

EDWARD THOMPSON, *Custos*.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of the Parish of Clarendon.*

I thank you, gentlemen, sincerely and warmly for your affectionate address. The feeling with which I receive such demonstrations of esteem and approbation, is one of deep gratitude for the generous spirit that overrates and extols my humble endeavours to promote the public welfare. That I have done all which seemed to be in my limited power with that view, I cannot attempt to deny; but if I had acted otherwise, I should have been guilty of great dereliction of duty towards our gracious Sovereign, as well as towards the inhabitants of this island. If success has, in some respects, attended those endeavours, it must be attributed, in a great measure, to the peculiar circumstances existing at the time of my arrival, and still more to the general good feeling and predisposition of the colony, so that mine has been an easy as well as pleasing task; and I have been richly rewarded for my share in the work of improvement, by witnessing its continual progress, and by the universal kindness and affection which it has produced.

There remains a source of great anxiety in the uncertainty which appears to be generally felt as to the future prosperity of the landed interest. I trust that brighter days will come. If I could have seen the means of promoting so desirable a result by any exertions on my part, I should not have thought of quitting Jamaica until it had been accomplished. I hope that my retirement may be cheered by the glad tidings that wealth and capital have again diffused their inspiriting influence throughout the country.

My cordial wishes for your success, and my grateful sense of the honor I have this day received, will ever attend you.

PARISH OF VERE.

THE inhabitants of Vere having assembled at the Court-House, on Saturday, the 2d April, 1842, his honor the *Custos* was called to the chair, which being taken, his Honor briefly addressed the assembly. He stated that it was needless for him to tell them that "the Governor was going

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away;" it was a circumstance too well known, but not more than deeply deplored. It was, indeed, a great misfortune; for under his parental government, every one hoped for brighter prospects and happier days than Jamaica had for some years past enjoyed. It was his duty to inform the meeting, that he had called the inhabitants of the parish together, in compliance with a requisition, very numerously signed, that had been sent to him, requesting him to do so, to afford the inhabitants of the parish an opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the Governor, for the great benefits that he had conferred on Jamaica; of assuring him of their unbounded confidence in his administration, and of their perfect admiration of the justice, wisdom, and moderation, which had signalized every act of his government, during the period that the island had been blessed with his fostering care and parental protection. His Honor stated that the usual course was to propose resolutions, (which he made no doubt were already proposed by some of the gentlemen present) which should express the sentiments and feelings of the inhabitants, and which resolutions, when agreed to, would form the basis of the address to be presented to his Excellency. Whereupon the following resolutions were proposed, duly seconded, and passed:

*Resolved, 1st.* That the inhabitants of Vere cordially concur in the universal feeling of deep regret which pervades all classes of her Majesty's subjects in this island, at the approaching departure of our beloved and noble Governor, Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 2d.* That the inhabitants of Vere contemplated with admiration and heartfelt gratitude the happy results of his mild and beneficial administration of the government of Jamaica.

*Resolved, 3d.* That when the inhabitants of Vere contrast the present happy, quiet, and peaceable condition of the community of Jamaica, with its unfortunate position at the time his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe assumed the government, they feel sensibly the extent of the loss the island will sustain, when the fostering care of their parental governor shall have been withdrawn.

*Resolved, 4th.* That the happy change, from strife and discord to peace and confidence, which has been brought about in this colony, has been the result of the wisdom, justice, and moderation with which Sir Charles Metcalfe has administered his government, and of the exercise of that honest policy and sound discretion which characterized his Excellency's public life in the East, when, as in the West, his Excellency

has earned an imperishable and lasting fame, immutably fixed in the hearts of a grateful people.

*Resolved, 5th.* That the inhabitants of Vere regret that this parish has not been honored with a visit from his Excellency the Governor; yet they fully estimate the favour, as they have participated in the benefits, conferred on the other parishes, from his Excellency's personal inspection and acquaintance with the real state of affairs, enabling his Excellency to impart to the mother country such information as must be strictly relied on.

*Resolved, 6th.* That the inhabitants of Vere cordially concur with their fellow-colonists in St. Catherine, and will, to their utmost, assist them in erecting a statue or other memorial, to perpetuate the name of Sir Charles Metcalfe in Jamaica.

*Resolved, 7th.* That a committee, consisting of Crawford M'Clymont, Edward Simpson, Canute Wilson, and William Jarman, Esqrs. be appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolutions, which committee having been appointed, and having retired, returned shortly, when Mr. M'Clymont presented the address that had been prepared by the committee, which being read and approved of, it was resolved, that the said address be adopted, and be presented to his Excellency the Governor in the most acceptable manner, by a deputation, consisting of his Honor the Custos, the Rector, and Curate of the parish, the members of the parish, Crawford M'Clymont, and Edward Simpson, Esqrs.

*Resolved, 8th.* That the above resolutions and the address be signed by his Honor the Custos, on behalf of the meeting.

ALEXANDRE BRAVO, *Custos*  
and *Chairman*.

On motion of Edward Bratt, Esq. the Custos was requested to leave the chair, and Crawford M'Clymont, Esq. being called thereto,

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this meeting be given to his Honor the Custos for calling the same, and for his conduct in the chair.

CRAWFORD M'CLYMONT.

#### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

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limited grief and sorrow which pervade the hearts of all classes of society at your Excellency's resignation of the government of Jamaica.

When we contemplate the happy results of your mild and beneficent administration, the perfect success that has attended your noble, generous, and paternal undertaking to banish discord, and to establish good feeling both here and in the mother country, we feel acutely, and deplore deeply the loss we shall sustain when your Excellency will have departed from our shores.

We fervently pray that it may always be the special care of Divine Providence to watch over you. May you ever possess a measure of that peace of God, which passeth all understanding, and of that joy with which a stranger cannot intermeddle; and may your last days be like those your Excellency has procured for Jamaica—"days of peace."

At the request, and on the behalf of, the inhabitants of the parish of Vere.

ALEXANDRE BRAVO,  
*Custos of Vere.*

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of Vere.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my cordial thanks for your kind and affectionate address. I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred on me by the sentiments that you generously entertain. I shall ever cherish with pride the recollection of this token of your approbation and esteem, and I humbly pray that the Almighty may bless you with every blessing. No parish has suffered more than your own from the calamities of bad seasons. The patience with which they have been borne is at length rewarded by the bounteous mercy of Providence, and I trust that this good fortune may be lasting.

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PARISH OF ST. MARY.

At a meeting of the Magistrates, Vestrymen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, held at the Court House, Manning's Town, on Tuesday the 5th day of April, 1842, pursuant to a requisition to his Honor the Custos, for the purpose of addressing our excellent Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Bart. on his retirement from the government of this island, it was—

*Resolved, 1st*—That this meeting has learned with unfeigned regret, that it is the intention of his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe to relinquish the government of this island.

*2d*,—That William Heslop, James Ceddes, Alex. G. Fyfe, William Litherland, and Patrick Morgan, Esquires, be appointed a committee to prepare an address expressive of the sorrow which pervades the parish of St. Mary, at so unexpected an event; and to assure his Excellency of the love and veneration of a country which has been the scene of the exercise of his public and private virtues.

*3d*,—That although this parish will cheerfully assist in the erection of the public monuments, which are to embellish the island in honor of so exalted a character, we are, notwithstanding, desirous that his Excellency, on his retirement, should bear with him to his own domestic circle some tribute, however inadequate, of our lasting gratitude and affection.

*4th*,—That Subscription Lists be at once opened for effecting the object of the foregoing resolution, and that the other parishes be invited to unite with St. Mary in so brotherly a task.

*5th*,—That to enable all classes to contribute, the subscriptions be not more than two guineas, nor less than one shilling.

*6th*,—That this meeting will join in any general address of the inhabitants of this colony, expressive of a sincere hope that her Majesty will be graciously pleased to confer some mark of her royal favor on our beloved Governor, on his retiring from the government of this island.

*7th*,—That the address just read be adopted, and that his honor the Custos, James Geddes, and Alexander G. Fyfe, Esquires, be a deputation to wait on his Excellency with the same.

ROBT. FAIRWEATHER, *Custos*.

His honor the Custos having left the chair, William Heslop, Esquire, was called thereto, when a vote of thanks was passed to his honor, for his dignified conduct in the chair.

WILLIAM HESLOP.

#### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

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deepest sorrow, that it is your Excellency's intention to relinquish the government of this island.

Although assembled together for the purpose of expressing our sense of the endless obligations we owe to your Excellency, yet being satisfied that no tribute, however merited, can be acceptable to your Excellency, which conveys a comparative implication; we are content to bear witness to a fame which rests on the broad and intrinsic basis of consummate wisdom, untiring zeal, dauntless integrity, and the most active benevolence. Under the influence of these virtues have we enjoyed peace in political change, and hope in adversity; and if we grieve, Sir, that you are about to leave us, it is not that we distrust the future, pregnant as it must be with the fruits of your Excellency's policy, but because we are about to lose a Governor endeared to us by the exercise of those amiable qualities which command respect and win affection—and whose public mission has been one of such pure and unalloyed patriotism, as to leave us nothing to desire beyond the consummation of his own labours, for our prosperity and happiness.

We therefore approach your Excellency with the tribute of our heartfelt gratitude and veneration, assuring your Excellency, that whether our Gracious Sovereign may again require your talents and virtues to cement the love of her subjects, by the unsullied exercise of her delegated authority, or whether you may pass the rest of your days in the quiet retirement or domestic life, the inhabitants of Saint Mary will ever feel a lively interest in the career and happiness of one whose name will shed a lustre on the annals of their country.

At the request and on behalf of the meeting,

R. FAIRWEATHER.

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Vestrymen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary.*

I am truly sensible, gentlemen, of the high honor conferred on me by your affectionate address; and I shall ever remember it with pride and cheering reflection. Much as your sentiments over-rate my humble pretensions, I cannot receive such a mark of your esteem without being deeply affected by the generous feeling from which it emanates, and which rejoices to exalt the object of its applause. It will be my misfortune to quit Jamaica without having visited the parish of St. Mary. It is in a double sense my misfortune, for it was not my fault. I made the attempt in vain. The roads from

Annotto-Bay to Port-Maria were represented as impassable from the state of the weather at that period. I therefore tried the passage by sea, but that experiment failed by an accident, which prevented my reaching your port. I was aware of your hospitable arrangements for my reception, and regretted much that I could not have the pleasure of meeting you. I then, however, supposed that it was a pleasure only postponed. It has so happened that I have never since been able to renew my intention, and St. Mary's will be one of the few parts of the island that I shall not have seen. It is a land of warm hearts, and you shew that in your parish they beat as kindly as elsewhere. God bless you, gentlemen. May revived prosperity shine upon you, and harmony and every other happiness attend you. I shall never cease to think of you with an anxious interest, and a grateful recollection of your friendship.

#### PARISH OF ST. ANN.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, held at the Court-House, St. Ann's Bay, on Thursday the 31st March, 1842, for the purpose of addressing our Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Bart. &c. on his retirement from the government of this island,

SAMUEL W. ROSE, Esquire, in the chair.

*Resolved*—That this meeting has heard with deep and unmingled regret, of the intended departure of our most excellent Governor, Sir Chs. Theophilus Metcalfe, from the government of this island.

*Resolved*—That the justice and humanity with which he has administered the government of this colony, as well as the benevolence and charity evinced on every occasion by him, demand our highest admiration and esteem.

*Resolved*—That the chairman do now appoint a committee to prepare an address, expressive of the above sentiments, to be presented to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

The chairman appointed the following gentlemen to such committee :—Hamilton Brown, S. B. Barnett, Esquires ; the Rector ; Drs. Anderson and Tucker, Utten T. Todd, Benjamin S. Moncrieffe, Judah Moses, and Robert Robinson, Esquires.

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terwards returned with an address ; the same was read to the meeting. It was then—

*Resolved*—That the address of the committee be agreed to, and that the senior magistrate and the members of the parish be requested to present the same.

*Resolved*—That a committee be appointed to co-operate with tha. of St. Catherine and other parishes, towards erecting a statue or other memorial in the public square of Spanish-Town, to hand down to posterity the name of our justly beloved Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe.

The following gentlemen named a committee for this purpose :—Drs. Barnett, Anderson, and Tucker, H. Brown, Charles Stewart, and Robert Robinson, Esquires.

*Resolved*—That our members be requested to support any measure that may be brought forward in our legislature, having for its object the erection of some lasting testimonial of our gratitude and admiration, and that subscription lists be opened for the same purpose—subscriptions not to exceed 40s. nor less than 1s.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

SAMUEL W. ROSE, *Chairman*.

On the motion of S. B. Barnett, Esquire, the chairman was requested to leave the chair, and Hamilton Brown, Esquire, being called thereto, took the same.

*Resolved*—That the thanks of this meeting be presented to S. W. Rose, Esquire, for his attention in calling the same, and for his conduct in the chair.

H. BROWN.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. K.G.C.B. GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Vestrymen, and other Inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, cannot sufficiently express our deep regret at your Excellency's resignation of the government of this island—a calamity which will be keenly felt by all classes, whose affections you have gained by your able, mild, and impartial administration ; and to whose latest posterity your name, engraven on their hearts, will be handed down as their firm friend, and the uncompromising advocate of their rights as British subjects ! We hailed your Excellency's appointment as an auspicious event in the annals of Jamaica, from



which the renewal of her prosperity would be dated ; and excepting casualties, over which your Excellency had no control, our most sanguine anticipations have been fully realized ! On your Excellency's arrival, the bond of union in the several relations of society was broken, and anarchy, in its most appalling form, threatened us on every side. By a wise and liberal policy, your Excellency applied the remedy to those evils—upheld the local authorities—dispensed even-handed justice—and soon restored that harmony which had so long been interrupted ! Of your Excellency's benevolence and liberality, your munificent donations for religious, charitable, and other purposes, have afforded ample proofs !—commensurate therefore with our unmingled feelings of regret at your Excellency's approaching departure, is our grateful sense ; and lasting will be the remembrance of your eminent services, which we confidently expect will be rewarded by a distinguished mark of the approbation of our gracious Sovereign ; and we cherish the hope that your successors, through future ages, will emulate your Excellency's bright example of wisdom and beneficence ! Actuated by the lively interest which we feel in your Excellency's personal welfare, we fervently invoke that kind Providence, which, happily for us, directed you to our shores, to guide you in safety to your native land ; and we trust that when you retire from the service of your country, you will enjoy every blessing to which you are entitled by your private as well as public virtues !

On behalf of the meeting,

S. W. ROSE, *Chairman.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Vestrymen, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Ann.*

The regret, gentlemen, which you express at my approaching retirement from the government, and the assurances of esteem and affection which accompany it, are exceedingly gratifying to me, and confer a high honor, the recollection of which I shall ever cherish with pride and thankfulness.

I came to this island, led by the hope of being instrumental in the reconciliation of one of her most valuable colonies with the mother-country. That object was accomplished soon after my arrival by the wisdom of the legislature and the good feeling of the community.

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between the landholders and the labouring class were in an unsatisfactory state. Those difficulties have been removed, and it is not too much to say, as all seem to believe, that in those respects affairs are much ameliorated.

The part that I have performed in this improvement has been to endeavour to do equal justice to all parties, and to discourage whatever had a tendency to impede the restoration of fellow feeling and brotherly love; but the change is mainly owing to the wisdom of the legislature, and the good sense of the island.

While, therefore, the praise bestowed on me in this hour of parting, when all connection between us, except that of our hearts, is about to be severed, cannot be otherwise than most pleasing, it produces the additional feeling of gratitude for that warm and generous kindness which has taken the will for the deed, and appreciates my humble services at a price far beyond their intrinsic merits.

I shall often be reminded, gentlemen, of your parish of St. Ann in moving about England; for it is the only part of this island that has put me much in mind of the scenery of the mother-country. That the most beautiful part of an island, which does not yield in beauty to any perhaps in the whole world, should resemble English scenery, is a high honor, I conceive, to the latter; and, on the other hand, there are few things in which a resemblance to England would be a cause of regret. But there are two. You may congratulate yourselves on having your delightful climate free from the too frequent chilliness and perpetual uncertainty of that of England. You may also be proud of the great comfort enjoyed by your labouring population, instead of the distress which falls so heavily on the same class in the mother-country.

God grant that these advantages may always conduce to your health and happiness.

I have further to congratulate you on the successful introduction, into your parish, of the culture of silk, from which there is reason to hope an article will be produced that may rival or surpass the silk of Italy, and be a new source of wealth to this country.

Accept, gentlemen, my heartfelt thanks for all your goodness, and my wishes that every blessing may attend you.

## PARISH OF MANCHESTER.

At a public meeting held at Mandeville, on the 2d April, 1842, according to requisition, his honor the Custos in the chair, the following resolutions were entered into:—

*Resolved*, That the wise and judicious policy exercised by his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, in the administration of the government of this island, has created in the hearts of the inhabitants an everlasting debt of gratitude.

*Resolved*, That this meeting cannot view the loss the people of Jamaica are about to sustain, in the relinquishment of the government by his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, without feelings of the deepest regret—a feeling awakened by a sense of the lively interest at all times evinced by his Excellency in the well-doing of the island, and of his able and impartial administration as their Governor.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the inhabitants of this parish are due to his Excellency for his unremitting exertions to serve the island, and for the great benefits it has derived from the success attending those exertions; and that an humble address, expressive of the foregoing sentiments, be presented to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be a committee to prepare the address:—Mr. Glanville, Mr. Sweetland, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Roy, the Revd. Mr. Stephens, and Dr. Dempster.

After a short adjournment the committee returned with an address, which was read, and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a committee of the following gentlemen be appointed for the purpose of receiving subscriptions in aid of erecting a statue in honor of our beloved Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Jamaica's tried and unflinching friend, on such site as may hereafter be devised:—Thomas Wheatle, John R. Hollingsworth, Samuel Glanville, William Davy, James M'Catty, Henry D'Pass, Robert Roy, Alexr. C. Logan, J. R. Tomlinson, John Clark, T. B. Scholey, and George Nash, Esqrs.

*Resolved*, That the following clergymen be requested to collect subscriptions in aid of the above:—Rev. Mr. Stephens, Rev. Mr. Littlejohn, Rev. Mr. Slatyer, Rev. Mr. Zorne, Rev. James Paterson, Rev. Mr. Robins, and the Rev. Mr. Coward.

*Resolved*, That the subscriptions be not more than £2, nor less than one shilling; and that Michael Muirhead, Esq. be requested to act as Treasurer.

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JOHN MACKESON, *Custos*.

His honor the Custos having left the chair, Samuel Glanville, Esq. was called thereto, when the thanks of this meeting were voted to his Honor for his able conduct in the chair.

SAML. GLANVILLE.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, K.C.B. GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Manchester, in this, our parting Address, cannot approach your Excellency with the cold, calculating language of mere compliment and etiquette, which such occasions too often call forth. No, Sir, excuse us if we venture to declare that, in bidding you farewell, the warm blood of affection rallies round our hearts; and we feel as if we were individually parting with a tried and unflinching friend, the loss of whom we deem irreparable.

The impression left by your Excellency's mild and beneficent sway on the minds of all classes of the inhabitants of Jamaica, is indelible. So many monuments of your goodness and liberality exist, that nothing can obliterate it. The father will instil it in the breast of his son, the son will communicate it to his posterity, and it will remain fresh and ineffaceable while Jamaica has a name.

During your Excellency's independent and statesmanlike rule, civil and religious liberty have unfurled their banners, waving peacefully and protectingly over every class of her Majesty's subjects, from one shore of Jamaica to the other.

We feel, Sir, that there is one point of view in which Jamaica must ever regret your departure from her shores. — Should political dissension with the mother-country ever again arise (which Heaven avert), in vain shall we look for that powerful and comprehensive mind, aided by so much experience, which enabled you, Sir, to cope with, to baffle, and finally to crush, the danger which such dissension must necessarily invoke. To mean well, and to act well, is the duty of every Governor, but few can invoke the experience of forty years of virtuous, brilliant, and successful diplomacy, in the hour of difficulty; and few indeed can bring to the task the energy, the good will, and the graciousness, which have, from

first to last, characterized and adorned your Excellency's rule.

We consider that the statesman who, at the close of a long and useful life, can take a retrospect through the vista of years, and feel, while reflecting on the scenes and actions which memory calls up, that he has ameliorated the condition of mankind, and rendered millions happy, must enjoy a tranquillity of mind which falls to the lot of few of the human race. That you, Sir, have already experienced these enviable feelings, we are convinced from our acquaintance with your diplomatic career, both in the Eastern and the Western worlds.

That such feelings may prove your consolation in the peace and seclusion of that home to which your Excellency seeks to retire, covered with honor by the Sovereign you have so long and faithfully served, and beloved by a people whose affections you have entirely won, is the sincerest and earnest prayer of the inhabitants of the parish of Manchester.

By direction and on behalf of the meeting,

JOHN MACKESON, *Custos*.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

##### *To the Inhabitants of the Parish of Manchester.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my warmest thanks for your affectionate address. Highly as I appreciate the honor of such a token of public esteem and approbation, I value still more the feeling by which it is dictated. I shall bear it in my memory with gratitude and pride to the end of my life, or at least as long as memory and sense remain. It is a warrantable pride, I trust, which rejoices in the affection of kind hearts, acquired by an honest discharge of public duty.

I shall ever think with interest and anxiety on the state and prospects of Jamaica. A change has been produced in the condition of the great mass of the population, at which every one must be glad. From servile bondage, from being the chattels of their fellow-creatures, they have come into the possession of perfect liberty, all the rights of free men, and independence and comfort to a greater extent than is enjoyed by the same classes elsewhere generally, and especially in our own mother-country. The same change has unavoidably been attended with a loss to the proprietors of land, in some instances serious, and even ruinous. Whether this kind of property generally will recover from the shock, and be cultivated with profit, is now the problem that remains to be solved. It is apprehended that the supply of labour from the existing in-

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habitants of the island will continue to diminish, owing to their being able to settle themselves without having recourse to it for subsistence. Whether this effect, which is certainly felt to be in progress, will be permanent, or only temporary, still seems to be undetermined. A larger supply of labourers from Africa to fill up the vacancies thus caused, and generally to increase the supply of labour in the market, is the great desideratum at the present time. It does not come so readily as is needful, and if it do eventually come, may be too late for many. From no other quarter can it be obtained with so much utility as to immediate wants. This subject will always continue to occupy my anxious thoughts, although I am not aware that it will ever be in my power to promote the attainment of the desired object.

That this cloud of doubt which overhangs the destinies of Jamaica may be dispersed, that the sun of prosperity may shine upon you with genial rays, and that harmony and happiness and every other blessing may flourish among you, are some of the most zealous wishes of a heart that will never forget your kindness.



## COUNTY OF SURRY.

### CITY AND PARISH OF KINGSTON.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants, held on Tuesday, the 15th March, at the Court House, for the purpose of framing an address, expressive of sincere regret at the approaching departure from this island of their very worthy and highly respected Governor, Sir Charles Metcalfe, it was

*Resolved*—That this meeting contemplates with deep regret the approaching departure from this island of our worthy and much respected Governor, Sir Charles Metcalfe.

*Resolved*—That at the time his Excellency came amongst us, we were almost overwhelmed with difficulties, arising partly from the recent change in the social condition of the island, and partly from the misrepresentations made to the British government, which had nearly resulted in the suspension of our ancient constitution; but that the impartial, just, and upright administration of the government of this island by his Excellency, has gone far to relieve us from the difficulties under which we then laboured to restore peace and establish confidence and good feeling among all classes of the community.

*Resolved*—That an humble address to his Excellency be prepared, expressing the regret of this meeting at the early departure of his Excellency, and their heartfelt thanks for the benefits which Jamaica has derived from his Excellency's administration, and that such address be presented to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved*—That the address now presented and read be adopted and signed by his honor the Mayor on behalf of the meeting.

*Resolved*—That his honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee to prepare an humble address and memorial to her Majesty, in which the inhabitants of all the other parishes of this island be invited to join, begging that she would be pleased to confer on Sir Charles T. Metcalfe some mark of her Royal favour on his quitting this government, in which his services have been as efficient in her service as beneficial to her subjects in this colony.

*Resolved*—That the Venerable Archdeacon Pope, Mr. Atkinson, and Dr. Spalding be a committee to prepare such address, and when it shall have been completed, that his honor the Mayor will forward it through the proper channel.

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*Resolved*—That the Members of Assembly for this parish, Mr. Mitchel, Mr. Jordon, and Mr. Lawrence, together with John Fowles, Esq. be a deputation to present the address to his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe.

HECTOR MITCHEL, *Mayor*.

His honor the Mayor having been requested to leave the chair, John Fowles, Esquire, was called to it, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor for his conduct in the proceedings of the meeting.

JOHN FOWLES.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

It has been usual for the people of this island to address former Governors on their retirement, either from respect to their exalted station, or from other motives which have prompted such demonstrations of good feeling to the ruler who was about to leave them, but a feeling very far beyond former motives has now convoked the inhabitants of Kingston, to express to your Excellency our deep sense of the loss which, in common with all our fellow-colonists in Jamaica, we are shortly to meet with in your withdrawal from the superintendence of its welfare and interests.

If, Sir, it be, as we are assured it must be, a gratification to a mind like yours to obtain the unbidden testimony of those who have been the subjects of your quiet and benignant sway, to that wisdom and goodness which have marked the progress of your government from first to last, accept, Sir, from the inhabitants of Kingston, this demonstration of our unfeigned and affectionate respect to your person and character—our veneration of your noble minded, generous, benevolent rule—our deep regret for the loss we are about to sustain.

We know that in thus expressing our sentiments, they are not ours alone—they are the common voice and feeling about to burst forth from one end of the island to the other—and it is matter of gratulation to ourselves to be foremost in uttering, to so good a friend, the tribute of our praise and our thankfulness, and in giving expression to our sorrow.

Looking back on the acts of a Governor so much beloved, we cannot but look forward with some apprehension, for it is not in the nature of things that we can expect always to meet

with such a friend of his people. Still, Sir, we know that in your retirement you will continue to be, as far as you are able, the zealous advocate for Jamaica, her happiness, and prosperity. In that retirement, clothed, as we hope it may be, in honors and approbation from our Sovereign, and as we know it will be, in the consciousness of good deeds, you will feel assured at all times of the lasting gratitude of the inhabitants of Kingston, who can never cease to take a sincere interest in all that relates to you, and whose hearts will ever rejoice in the happiness of Jamaica's best benefactor.

By direction, and on behalf of the meeting,

HECTOR MITCHEL, *Mayor*.

No. 430.

King's House, March 19, 1842.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. transmitting an address to the Governor from the inhabitants of Kingston, and to forward herewith his Excellency's reply.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. M. HIGGINSON, *Sec.*

*His honor the Mayor of Kingston,*

*&c. &c. &c.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

##### *To the Inhabitants of Kingston.*

It is not possible, gentlemen, to reply in adequate language to your affectionate address. The generous kindness which it evinces, excites feelings that are beyond expression. I beg you to be assured, that I shall ever retain a grateful sense of the honor conferred on me by the sentiments which you entertain—an honor not, in my opinion, to be surpassed by any that can fall to the lot of man.

The desire to render a public service, by removing the appearance of difference that had unhappily arisen between the mother-country and Jamaica, was the motive which brought me to this island. That important object has been accomplished by the loyalty of the colony responding to the wishes of her Majesty's government. If I have been in the most humble degree instrumental in promoting this result, the reflection that such has been my good fortune, will cheer the remaining days of my life, and smooth my path to the grave.

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try to which I have always looked as the appointed place of my rest in this world, induced me to solicit permission from our Sovereign Lady the Queen to retire from the charge of this government. My resignation has been graciously accepted, and it will be gratifying to your friendly hearts to learn that her Majesty has condescended to express her high approbation of my administration of the trust confided to me, for which great honor I consider myself as mainly indebted, next to her Majesty's goodness, to the wise proceedings of the legislature, and to the excellent conduct of all classes of the people of this island.

As the time for my departure approaches, I feel deeply that regret at our separation which we must ever experience in parting from those to whom we have become attached.— I have received such incessant kindness in Jamaica, from the first moment of my arrival, that I can never be sufficiently thankful, and I shall cherish the remembrance of it with the warmest feelings to the latest hour of my existence.

Accept, gentlemen, my fervent wishes for your happiness and for the return of that prosperity which is still wanting to restore to your city its former wealth and splendour.

I cannot anticipate that it will at any time be in my power to render any service to Jamaica, but my thoughts will not cease to be occupied by anxiety for her welfare. You may, I trust, entertain confident hope for the future, as, although it is not yet known who is to be my successor, you may be sure that her Majesty's Ministers will send a governor, who will devote himself to the interests of this island.

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### PARISH OF PORT-ROYAL.

AT a meeting of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Port Royal, convened and held at the Court-House, in the town of Port-Royal, on Wednesday, the 23d day of March, 1842, pursuant to a requisition to his honor the Custos, for the purpose of addressing his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, on his intended retirement from the government of this island.

The requisition and advertisement convening the meeting having been read,

The hon. Samuel J. Dallas, Custos, was called to the chair, when it was unanimously

*Resolved, 1st*—That the wise and judicious policy exercised by his Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, in the

administration of the government of this island, has created in the hearts of the inhabitants an everlasting debt of gratitude.

*Resolved, 2d*—That this meeting cannot view the loss the people of Jamaica are about to sustain, in the relinquishment of the government by his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, without feelings of the deepest regret—feelings awakened by a sense of the lively interest at all times evinced by his Excellency, in the well doing of the island, and of his able and impartial administration as their Governor.

*Resolved, 3d*—That the thanks of the inhabitants of this parish are due to his Excellency, for his unremitting exertions to serve the island, and for the great benefits it has derived from the success attending those exertions, and that an humble address, expressive of the foregoing sentiments, be presented to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved, 4th*—That the following gentlemen be a committee to prepare such address, namely, Wellwood Hyslop, and James Taylor, Esquires, the honorable Joseph Gordon, and Jacob Depass, James Williams, Daniel Jacobs, Jacob Mitchel, William Henry Dillon, and Robert James Yeo, Esquires.

The committee having prepared an Address, and presented the same to the meeting,

*Resolved, 5th*—That his honor the Custos be requested to sign such address on behalf of the meeting, and that he, together with the other members of the parish, and Jacob Depass, Esquire, the Reverend Charles Fyfe, and Daniel Jacobs, Esq. be a committee to present the same to his Excellency.

*Resolved, 6th*—That a committee be appointed to co-operate with the other parishes in the county of Surry, for the purpose of receiving subscriptions towards the erection of a Statue on the Kingston Parade, to perpetuate the remembrance of our esteemed Governor, Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 7th*—That the subscription shall not exceed forty shillings, nor be less than one shilling, and that the Magistrates and Vestrymen, together with the Clergymen of every denomination in the parish, be such committee, and requested to receive the subscriptions, and pay the same into the hands of his honor the Custos, to be by him deposited in the Planters' Bank

S. J. DALLAS, *Chairman.*

His honor the Custos having left the chair, Wellwood Hyslop, Esquire, was called thereto, when it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this meeting be awarded to his honor, for his able conduct in the chair.

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## THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

At no period has there been witnessed a more universal feeling of regret than on the announcement of the approaching departure of your Excellency from the government of this island, and never were the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the parish of Port-Royal more unanimous than in the present expression of that feeling.

When we look back to the peculiar situation of this island at the time your Excellency assumed the government—to the difficulties with which we were then beset—to the fact that our constitution was nearly annihilated—our character wantonly assailed—and then reflect, that to your Excellency's upright and impartial acts towards those entrusted to your sway, the people of Jamaica are indebted for those better feelings which the British government now entertains for the colonists; and that the calumnious charges made against them to their fellow-subjects in England have been successfully repudiated by your Excellency's fair, manly, and unprejudiced representations of them, we cannot but feel the deepest regret at the loss the island is about to sustain in the surrender of the government by your Excellency. These feelings are increased, Sir, by a knowledge of the lively interest which you have, at all times, taken in the welfare of Jamaica, by your unbounded charities, and by the kind and friendly solicitude evinced by you towards all classes of its inhabitants.

We beg your Excellency to accept our grateful thanks, and to be assured that the inhabitants of this parish will ever entertain towards you sentiments of the highest regard. May a long and happy life attend your Excellency.

S. J. DALLAS, *Custos.*

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Port-Royal.*

Accept, gentlemen, my cordial thanks for the kindness which has led you to honor me with this address.

You have adverted to the state of affairs existing before my arrival in the island. There had been a great change, a righteous change required by humanity, but attended with a revolution more universal perhaps than any that the world had ever before seen—a revolution felt in every family and house



in the country. During the progress of this change, par-  
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 the representative branch of the legislature, which roused into  
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 to the Mother Country.—I came to restore peace. My in-  
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 the sincere desire of her Majesty's government. For no other  
 object would I have come. Any mission with opposite views  
 I would not have accepted. The performance of this duty  
 has been to me most easy. It has been performed for me by  
 the wisdom of the legislature and the good sense and good  
 feeling of the whole island. I was met from the beginning  
 with the utmost cordiality; I have had throughout general  
 support and co-operation; I have every where experienced  
 unbounded kindness.

To you, gentlemen, as well as to all your countrymen, my  
 grateful thanks are due. I shall treasure in my memory the  
 recollection of this day, in which I have received this honora-  
 ble mark of your esteem and friendly feeling.

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### PARISH OF ST. ANDREW.

At a meeting of the Justices, Vestrymen, and other Inha-  
 bitants of the Parish of Saint Andrew, held at the Court-  
 House, Halfway-Tree, on Tuesday, the 22d March, 1842,  
 agreeably to requisition made to his honor the Custos, for the  
 purpose of preparing a valedictory address to his Excellency  
 Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, the honorable Joseph Gordon in  
 the chair, it was unanimously

*Resolved, 1st*—That the resignation of the government of  
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are due to the excellent man who sacrificed the repose to which his long and beneficial labours in the service of his country entitled him, in order to reconcile this distracted colony to the parent country, and to restore peace and good will amongst its inhabitants, and who so successfully accomplished this noble task.

*Resolved, 3d*—That an Address be prepared, expressive of the sentiments of admiration and attachment which this meeting entertains for his Excellency's exalted character, and the deep regret felt by the Inhabitants of this Parish at his early departure, and that the same be presented to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved, 4th*—That this meeting highly approve of the proposition for a general address and memorial to her Majesty, praying that she would be pleased to confer on Sir Charles Metcalfe some marks of her Royal favour, on his quitting the Government of this island, and that the following gentlemen be a committee to procure signatures thereto, and to co-operate with the Kingston committee in carrying the same into effect, viz. : Robert Smith, and Edward Jordon, Esquires, the honorable John Mulholland, the Baron Ketelhodt, and Edward C. Mowatt, James Wiles, Hinton East, John Gordon, Charles Marshall, C. M. Jopp, G. P. M. Downer, and John R. Brice, Esquires, and Doctor Gray.

*Resolved, 5th*—That a committee be appointed to communicate with the several parishes of the county of Surry, in order to receive subscriptions not exceeding one pound, nor less than one shilling, for the purpose of erecting a lasting memorial of his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe's wise and benevolent government, during his residence in this island, proposed to be placed on the Parade in Kingston, the capital of this county, and that the following gentlemen be appointed such committee :—the Rector and Curatos of the Parish, the several Ministers of the Gospel in it; the Magistrates and Vestrymen for the same, and J. R. Brice, Esquire, and that the Custos be the chairman of such committee.

*Resolved, 6th*—That the Members of the Parish, the Rector, the hon. John Mulholland, and the Baron Ketelhodt, be a deputation to present the address to his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe.

JOSEPH GORDON.

His honor the Custos having left the chair, Robert Smith, Esquire, was called thereto, when the thanks of the meeting having been voted to his honor, the meeting separated.

ROBERT SMITH.

## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Magistrates, Vestrymen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Andrew, beg leave to approach your Excellency, with the assurance of our deep and heartfelt regret at your Excellency's approaching relinquishment of the government of this island, and departure from it.

We had cherished the fond anticipation that Jamaica would long remain subject to your Excellency's mild and paternal rule, and in time attain to that high state of peaceful prosperity of which she is capable. Our sorrow and disappointment may be conceived, now the intelligence has reached us that the period for your Excellency's departure is at hand, and our brightest and most highly valued hopes are about to be blighted and destroyed.

We cannot review your Excellency's brief administration of the affairs of this important colony, or contrast its present with its late condition, without being impressed with the advantages which have resulted from your Excellency's exertions, and, convinced of our inability to make any adequate expression of them, our thanks are all we have to offer. If, however, gratitude can stamp these with value in your Excellency's estimation, and that value is to be measured by the length of our gratitude, then are they the richest and most costly return which the inhabitants of St. Andrew can make to your Excellency for the benefits conferred upon them, in common with the inhabitants of the island at large; nor will this feeling be lessened or abated by distance, either of time or of space; and whether in the privacy of domestic life, or amid the tumult of public business, your Excellency will have our anxious prayers for your renovated and continued health, and the enjoyment of every blessing which can render your Excellency happy in time, and secure for you a glorious immortality in eternity.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JOSEPH GORDON, *Custos.*

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Vestrymen, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish St. Andrew.*

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feelings that respond to your affectionate address, which conveys to me the overflowing sentiments of kind and generous hearts, and will ever be preserved in my memory with grateful recollection.

I confidently trust that your apprehensions of any injury, in consequence of my departure, will be removed by the result. If I had entertained such fears, no selfish desire to return to the country that I have always regarded as my home and resting place, would have induced me spontaneously to quit you. If I had supposed that your position or prospects would, in any respects, have been improved by my continued residence among you, I should have regarded it as a positive duty to remain as long as it might have been in my power, and should have cheerfully devoted myself to so delightful a task. But it is my belief that your prosperity now mainly depends on circumstances which I hope may be favourable, but which can hardly be influenced by the Executive head of the government.—As far as they may be under the influence of that authority, I see every reason to congratulate you on the selection that has been made of your future Governor, which probably was not known when your address was framed. A nobleman has been appointed, of high rank, acknowledged talents, and excellent reputation, in both public and private life, who will be a suitable representative of her Gracious Majesty in this colony, and will no doubt apply his abilities, judgment, and public spirit to the welfare and happiness of every class of the community, over whom it is his honorable and happy destiny to preside, and from whom he will, I am sure, receive, as I have, general support and co-operation.

A short period, gentlemen, will separate me from you, and place a wide space between us.—Some of you I hope to meet again in England, where I must ever feel as a brother towards every inhabitant of Jamaica, and where, among recollections of this land, which will cheer the remainder of my days, I shall never forget the kindness of the warm-hearted inhabitants of St. Andrew's.

God bless you all, with success and happiness, and every good gift.

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### PARISH OF ST. THOMAS IN THE EAST.

AT a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Thomas in the East, held at the Court-House, Morant-Bay, on Tuesday the 22d March, for the purpose of addressing

our excellent Governor, Sir C. T. Metcalfe, Bart. on his retirement from the government of this island,

His Honor the Custos in the chair.

*Resolved*, That we look back with dismay on the alarming state of distraction to which we were reduced at the time of Sir Charles T. Metcalfe's assuming the government of this island, occasioned by a prolonged system of misrepresentation and misrule.

*Resolved*, That in contemplating the immediate and happy change produced by the wise, paternal, and impartial administration of his Excellency, thereby restoring peace, confidence, and good feeling to all classes of the community, we cannot but fully participate in the general and deep feeling of regret, occasioned by his approaching departure.

*Resolved*, That a committee, consisting of Thomas Thomson, Alexander Barclay, and George Wright, Esqrs. be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolutions, and that the same committee be requested to act in concert with the other parishes, in preparing a memorial from the inhabitants at large to our gracious Sovereign, humbly praying that some adequate mark of Royal favor may be conferred upon her Majesty's most worthy Representative, Sir C. T. Metcalfe, for the acknowledged services he has rendered to this valuable appendage to the British crown, at a period of great difficulty and peril.

The committee above-named then retired, and shortly afterwards having returned with an Address, which was read to the meeting,

*Resolved*, That the Address now read be agreed to, and that his Honor the Custos, and the Members of the Parish, be requested to present the same in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved*, That the above resolutions, and the Address, be signed by his Honor the Custos, on behalf of the meeting.

THOMAS M'CORNOCK, *Chairman*.

On the motion of Robert Gordon, Esq. the Hon. Thomas M'Cornock was requested to leave the chair, and Thomas Thomson, Esq. being called thereto, took the same.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting be offered to his Honor the Custos, for his attention in calling the same, and for his conduct in the chair.

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## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS  
METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Thomas in the East, deeply regret to learn that your Excellency is shortly about to retire from the government of this colony.

We hailed with joy your arrival amongst us, in full confidence, from the high character which your Excellency had acquired in another hemisphere, that the application of the same energies, sound judgment, and honesty of purpose, would be equally beneficial to us.

In that confidence we have not been disappointed. Too short as has been your Excellency's administration of the government, it has more than realized all that we could have expected or desired.

You found the colony in a state of disorder scarcely to be described. Legislation suspended, and the laws rendered all but nugatory by party spirit, and by the opposite construction given to them by a conflicting magistracy.

Under your Excellency's upright, impartial, and conciliatory sway, these unhappy differences, endangering the social fabric, and hurrying property to destruction, speedily disappeared. You offered to the people and to the legislature of Jamaica your confidence. It was joyfully accepted by an oppressed and suffering community, driven almost to despair, and who owe to your Excellency a heavy debt of gratitude for the generous and magnanimous manner in which you have supported their rights, and vindicated their character with the government and people of England.

Never did a colony owe more to a Governor than does Jamaica to your Excellency. That you are so soon to leave it, we feel to be a calamity to the island at large, and to ourselves in particular.

Our gratitude, our thanks, and our prayers go with your Excellency; that, restored by God's blessing to re-established health, you may long live to enjoy the merited favour of your Sovereign, the esteem of the world, and that greatest of earthly happiness, a self-approving mind, in looking back upon a life faithfully devoted to the service of your country, and spent in doing good.

THOS. M'CORNOCK, *Chairman.*



## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Thomas in the East.*

I am most sensible, gentlemen, of the generous kindness which has dictated your affectionate address.

Whether I have, in any degree, merited your praises—or whether they are solely to be ascribed to your friendly partiality, I cannot be otherwise than highly gratified and delighted by such a manifestation of warm feeling. I must ever regard, as the happiest event of my life, that I came to Jamaica. One minute before I accepted the totally unexpected offer of the government of this island and its dependencies, if the idea of my going to the West Indies had suggested itself to any of my friends, I should have laughed at it as something so utterly improbable, as to be next to an impossibility. The offer reached me, when I was living in retirement, with no other plan before me but that of making my retirement more complete. I had no desire for official employment of any kind. I had no pretensions to any claim on the Ministry. I had no connection with any party in the state. I had no local influence that could place me in Parliament, the only sphere of public duty for which I had any inclination. No individual could have been found more totally unconnected with public men and public life than I was at that time—none more studiously retired from general society and intercourse with the gay or busy world. I had returned from India scarcely a year before, after thirty-eight years' uninterrupted absence from home in the service of my country, with the intention and hope of passing the remainder of my days in England. Excepting as to my own family and friends, and near neighbours in the country, I was, in fact, a recluse. It is due to her Majesty's Ministers of that time, and especially to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, one of your former Governors, the Marquis of Normanby, who made the offer to me, and whom I had never seen, to remark, that whether their selection was good or bad, their sole motive must have been the advancement of the public service.

When I received this offer, a moment's consideration satisfied me that my duty to my country required that I should accept it. Had Jamaica been in a perfectly satisfactory and happy state, I should have declined the honor, having, as I have said, no wish for official employment; but under the circumstances which then existed, there was something of importance to be done, and I considered myself, by the offer made, as called on to do it. I did not therefore hesitate. I undertook the trust, encouraged by the hope of success, hu-

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man nature being the same in all parts of the world. I thought that you were wrong, but I also thought it probable that you might be induced to put yourselves right, and that the mother country and the colony might be reconciled. I conceived that coming among you as a stranger, who had never been engaged in any strife regarding the colonies, I should derive some facilities from that circumstance. After my arrival, I was at first rather appalled by the violence of party spirit which seemed to prevail. But the first proceedings of the House of Assembly assured me that all would in time be well. My task since has been an easy one. The good sense of the colony has done all. The plain and obvious course that I have pursued has been animated by general support and co-operation. Had the advantages which have been gained been accomplished by any injustice or injury to the population recently emancipated from a state of slavery, my feelings, in retiring from the government, and your own too, I am sure, would have been widely different from what they are now, and the reverse of gratifying. But, whatever may be the state of the island with regard to the prosperity of the higher classes—whatever may be the depression of the present time, and the fears for the future, considering the interests of proprietors of land, and merchants, and traders, and the general body of the medical faculty, all of which classes are now suffering, no one can deny that the lower orders, especially the great mass of the emancipated labourers, enjoy a greater degree of prosperity, independence, and comfort, in every respect, than falls to the lot of the labouring class in any other country that we know of. So that I shall depart, assured that their interests are effectually provided for. The chief apprehension and anxiety remaining, are produced by the uncertainty which seems to attend the continuation of the profitable cultivation of your staple products, on which the interests of commerce, as well as agriculture, greatly depend. God grant that all fears on that ground may be speedily removed, and that your favoured parish, which can justly boast of containing the garden of Jamaica, may always continue to be one of the most prosperous in the island.

Accept, gentlemen, my grateful thanks for the honor that you have conferred on me. It will be among the most pleasing recollections that will cheer my future life. In saying farewell! it is the uppermost wish of my heart that every blessing may attend you.

## PARISH OF SAINT DAVID.

At a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. David, held on Saturday, the 26th of March, 1842, for the purpose of voting a valedictory address to his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, George Wright, Esq. senior magistrate, was called to the chair, when it was

*Resolved*—That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, expressive of the deep sense the meeting entertains of the blessings the Inhabitants of St. David's have enjoyed, in common with their fellow-colonists, under his able, mild, and impartial administration, and of the irreparable loss which the colony must sustain by his resignation of the government.

Mr. Leslie then presented an address, which being referred to a committee, composed of Messrs. Leslie, Paterson, Dick, Parker, Turner, and M'Lean, the same was approved of, and reported without amendment.

It was moved by Mr. Paterson, that the address be agreed to by the meeting, which motion was carried by acclamation. It was then resolved, that the chairman do sign the address, and that a deputation do present the same in the most acceptable manner to Sir Charles Metcalfe.

GEORGE WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

Mr. Wright having left the chair, Mr. Paterson was called thereto, and the thanks of the meeting voted to the chairman for his able and dignified conduct in the chair.

ROBERT PATERSON.

## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Inhabitants of St. David's, participating in those feelings of sorrow and regret which the announcement of your Excellency's approaching departure has excited in the minds of our fellow-colonists, would offer to your Excellency an expression of the deep sense we entertain of the blessings we have enjoyed under your able, mild, and impartial administration, and of the irreparable loss which the colony must sustain by your Excellency's resignation of its government.

In your Excellency, as the representative of our Gracious Sovereign, we have beheld an example ever to be admired and ever to be emulated, of great parts, and still greater

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worth, wholly and sincerely devoted to the attainment of the noblest of objects, the welfare and happiness of those whom you were sent to govern. The signal success which has attended your patriotic exertions is attested by the fact, that Jamaica, which you found alienated and distracted, has, under your auspices, been restored to harmony and repose.

We would embrace this opportunity of tendering to your Excellency our grateful acknowledgments for the able and intrepid vindication of our character, as manifested in your public despatches. We have felt keenly the unmerited aspersions to which we have been subjected, and are the more sensible of your noble, generous, and successful advocacy.

We would also acknowledge, with feelings of gratitude, your Excellency's active benevolence and unbounded charities. These have shed a grace and lustre over your other estimable qualities.

In parting with your Excellency, it is consolatory to feel assured, that the benefits of your short administration will prove neither fleeting nor evanescent; for it may be said with truth, that you have laid the foundation of a new system of Colonial Government, which, based on the confidence and affections of the people, will cement and perpetuate their connexion with the mother-country; thus too, though you now leave us, will the spirit of your enlightened policy remain with us, to animate our loyalty and stimulate succeeding Governors to emulate your bright example.

We pray God to bless your Excellency, and begging your acceptance of this tribute of our respect and esteem, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

GEORGE WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. David.*

I thank you, gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart, for the sentiments expressed in your affectionate Address. If I may flatter myself with a belief, from the repeated assurances which I receive of such an opinion, that I have rendered any service to Jamaica, most certainly I am rewarded far beyond my deserts, by the rich return of affection, called forth by the occasion of my departure. There is no other honor that could afford me so much delight. Nevertheless the pride and pleasure which I feel are accompanied by pain at the separation from a country in which I have found so much kindness; and, as the time approaches at which my desire to return home is to be gratified, I often ask myself, why I quit a community with

whom I have enjoyed so much happiness, and a government rendered so free from care by general support and co-operation. If I entertained any fear that evil consequence would result from my retirement, I could not reconcile myself to the step that I have taken, but, on that subject, I do not entertain any apprehension. It would, under any circumstances, be presumptuous in me to attach any importance to my stay; and, from the reputation which my successor has already acquired, I fully expect that he will give you greater satisfaction, and bring superior qualifications to the administration of the government. I see no reason to anticipate any interruption of harmony and confidence. I cannot foresee any difference that can possibly arise that may not be satisfactorily settled by mutual consideration. The loyalty of Jamaica is unquestionable, and the desire of her Majesty's Government must always be to promote the welfare of the Colony, and strengthen the ties of affection that bind this island to the mother-country. More and more will the Government at home, I trust, perceive that it is wise to allow distant Colonies to govern themselves, to avoid interference in details, and only to interpose the paramount authority of the Empire when great principles are at stake.

Farewell, gentlemen, I shall never forget your kindness. I shall cherish with pride the recollection of the honor that you have conferred on me by the sentiments which you entertain. I shall ever remember, with gratitude, the happiness that I have enjoyed among you. May health and wealth and every blessing attend you.

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#### PARISH OF PORTLAND.

At a public meeting of the Magistrates, Clergy, Vestrymen, Freeholders, and other inhabitants of the parish of Portland, held on Thursday, the 24th March, at the Court-House, Titchfield, for the purpose of preparing an address to his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, on his approaching departure from this island.

*Resolved*—That this meeting have heard with feelings of deep regret of the approaching departure of his Excellency the Governor, the right honorable Sir Charles T. Metcalfe.

*Resolved*—That this meeting, deeply impressed with the sense of the many benefits the country has derived from his Excellency's just, upright, and impartial administration of the government of this island, an humble address, expressive of

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these sentiments, be presented to his Excellency, in the most acceptable manner, by his honor the Custos.

*Resolved*—That the Address now read be adopted, and signed by his Honor the Custos, on behalf of the meeting.

*Resolved*—That this meeting pledges itself to aid other Parishes in procuring some lasting testimonial to perpetuate their sense of the many and great obligations they owe to his Excellency, and recommend that a committee be appointed to receive subscriptions for the purpose.

*Resolved*—That A. G. Johnston and Thomas M'Morine, Esqrs. and the Rev. G. Griffiths be appointed such committee.

*Resolved*—That the meeting will feel much pleasure in co-operating with the Inhabitants of Kingston in an humble Address and Memorial to her Majesty, praying that her Majesty would be graciously pleased to confer on our esteemed Governor some especial mark of her Royal favour.

JOHN S. CLACHAR, *Custos*.

That his Honor the Custos be requested to vacate the chair, and that A. G. Johnston, Esq. do take the same.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to his Honor for his impartial and dignified conduct in the chair.

A. G. JOHNSTON.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR  
CHARLES T. METCALFE, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Portland, having understood that you are about to retire from the government of this island, beg leave to assure your Excellency not only of our perfect approbation of your wise and just administration, but of our sincere gratitude for your kind and noble and generous exertions in behalf of the people and the interests of Jamaica.

Your Excellency found us, on your arrival, in a situation of unexampled distress and confusion—distrusted on all hands, and even vilified by many parties who had the power to injure and depress us further. We only advert to these facts to shew that, under your Excellency's government and good arrangements—we have recovered from the distress and confusion which had almost overwhelmed us we have re-established our character—our fellow-subjects in Great-Britain have ceased to vilify us, and no party seeks to oppress us. To these advantages we know that we are indebted to your Ex-



cellency, and we thank you. It was your generous confidence in the people of Jamaica, and your courageous determination to do us justice, your wise conduct, your impartiality, and your never-wearied kindness that have effected a complete, and, thank God! a most favourable revolution in our circumstances and situation, in our thoughts and hopes. You have done us justice, and the result justifies the policy and the prudence, as well as the kindness of your conduct; you have relieved us from much apprehension, from real calamities, and from sorrows. We hardly know how to express our thanks for the many favours beyond the line of duty which you have conferred on the people who are regretting your approaching departure. The interest you have taken in our institutions and associations for agricultural improvements, in assisting to provide churches and chapels, your munificent donations—these are without any parallel in this country; they are appreciated, although our expressions may fall short of our feelings respecting them.

We have still another obligation to return thanks for. Your wise and successful administration will be a guarantee to our parent government, and to your Excellency's successors, that they will do well to pursue a similar line of conduct so creditable and so gratifying to themselves, so gratefully received and acknowledged by the people of Jamaica.

Your Excellency's administration, as a matter of history, will live in our records, and let us be allowed to add, in our hearts; and our children's children will learn to think of you as the father of Jamaica—the wise, the faithful, the impartial, the fortunate Governor, whose successful administration will be the test by which all future administrations will be tried and appreciated.

We pray for your health and prosperity, and respectfully and gratefully tender our farewell.

At the request and on behalf of the meeting,

JOHN S. CLACHAR.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Clergy, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Portland.*

I receive, gentlemen, your affectionate address with heartfelt thankfulness.

Although I am sensible that the generosity of your hearts appreciates too highly my humble, but honest, endeavours to promote the welfare of Jamaica, I cannot receive such proofs of kindness without being deeply affected by them; and they

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will be to me sources of grateful recollection and cheering pride, during the remainder of my days.

But, these delightful tokens of affection will increase my sorrow, if I do not learn hereafter that Jamaica has surmounted her difficulties, and is prosperous and happy. I see no other reason to doubt that this result will be accomplished, than what arises from the apprehension entertained by many that the staple products of the island cannot generally continue to be cultivated with a remunerating profit. Most anxiously do I hope that these fears may be allayed, and that success and wealth will still reward the management of the landholder. It will give me great satisfaction to know that you, gentlemen, share in the general prosperity. May the Almighty protect and bless you.

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### PARISH OF ST. GEORGE.

At a Public Meeting held on Tuesday the 22d day of March, 1842, in the Court-House, Buff-Bay, according to requisition, His Honor the Custos in the chair, the following resolutions were entered into:—

*Resolved*—That this meeting, deeply impressed with the many benefits derived from the enlightened and impartial policy of the Right Honorable Sir C. T. Metcalfe, view with extreme regret his intended departure from the island.

*Resolved*—That this meeting entirely concur with other parishes in expressing a sincere hope, that her Majesty will be pleased to confer some mark of her Royal favour on our beloved Governor on his arrival in England.

*Resolved*—That a committee be formed to raise subscriptions in aid of erecting a Statue in honor of Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, on such scite as may hereafter be devised, at an amount not exceeding two pounds, nor less than one shilling, and that the Magistrates, Clergy, and Vestry of the parish be such committee for the above purpose, with power to appoint a managing committee, of which the Custos shall be chairman.

*Resolved*—That the address prepared by his honor the Custos be signed by him on behalf of the meeting, and officially transmitted to the Governor's Secretary for presentation.

**JOHN R. GROSETT, Custos.**

His honor the Custos having left the chair, William Hos-sack, Esq. was called thereto, when the thanks of this meet-

ing were voted to his honor for his impartial conduct in the chair.

WM. HOSSACK.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Clergy, and Inhabitants of Saint George's, deeply impressed with the many benefits, which we, in common with all other classes in the island, have experienced under your Excellency's administration, view with extreme regret your approaching departure.

When you first landed on our shores we refrained from offering any address, anxiously waiting, in the then distracted state of our affairs, to see the developement of your views and intended conduct. A short time satisfied us of the nature of your enlightened and impartial policy; and no sooner was our parish honored with your presence, than we offered our address of congratulations, founded on sincerity, and on the experience, as we then declared, of the beneficial course of your administration. With no less sincerity do we now express our deep regret at your resignation of the government of this important and once valuable island.

We however trust that, whether you continue to devote your talents to the service of our Sovereign, or in the quietude of retirement enjoy the proud reflections of an approving conscience, the blessing, under Divine Providence, of restored health will attend your future life.

On behalf of the meeting,

JOHN ROCK GROSETT, *Custos*.

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Clergy, and Inhabitants of St. George.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my cordial thanks for the honor which you have conferred on me by your kind address.

The sentiments that you have the goodness to express will ever be remembered by me with the highest gratification.

With reference to your obliging wishes regarding my health, I have the satisfaction of assuring you, that my general health is unimpaired, and that I have never possessed it in a more perfect degree than during my residence in this island. I do not expect any advantage from the approaching change; and

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I trust, gentlemen, that I may hear, in my retirement, of your welfare and improved prospects. The only anxiety with which I depart is that which arises from the doubt apparently entertained as to the practicability of carrying on the cultivation of your staple products with profit. This is a doubt of very serious import, and I can only express my earnest hope that the result may be more cheerful, and that the parish of St. George, as well as the whole island, may rejoice in renewed prosperity, and every other blessing.

### PARISH OF METCALFE.

At a numerous and highly respectable meeting of influential Proprietors, Magistrates, Freeholders, and others, Inhabitants of the new parish of Metcalfe, assembled, according to advertisement, at the Court House, Annotto-Bay, on Saturday, the 26th March, 1842, James Maxwell, Esq. M. D. being unanimously called to the chair, opened the business of the meeting with a feeling and appropriate eulogium on the excellent, liberal, and enlightened policy of the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, to whom all classes in Jamaica are so deeply indebted for rescuing their country from anarchy and confusion, their local magistracy and proprietary body from calumny and misrepresentation, and who, by a straight-forward, impartial, and effective administration, restored confidence and mutual good feeling among all classes, while with unbounded benevolence, and the greatest kindness of heart, he liberally assisted and encouraged useful and charitable institutions in every part of the island, and as a universal feeling of the deepest regret must pervade the minds of all, at the prospect of losing such a Governor, he would be glad to hear the sentiments of any gentleman who had resolutions to propose. The following were then severally introduced with appropriate remarks, and unanimously agreed to.

*Resolved, 1st.* That the intelligence of the resignation of the government of this island, by his Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, has caused the deepest regret among all classes of this community.

*2d.*—That his Excellency assumed the government of this important colony at a crisis of distress and embarrassments unparalleled in its history, when faction and misrepresentation had nearly disorganized our social structure—when discord

and enmity were fomented by persons not identified with the vital well-being of this country—when the local magistracy were held up to scorn, and the distressed and almost ruined proprietary were vilified, his Excellency came amongst us with the olive branch of peace, and by his liberal and enlightened policy, restored confidence and harmony, gave an impetus to civilization and rational freedom honorable to his administration, and exerted his utmost influence in the adoption of such measures as were most likely to rescue the agricultural interest from impending ruin.

3d.—That the thanks of this meeting, as well as of every inhabitant of this compact, fertile, and hitherto neglected district, are eminently due to his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, for having so patriotically espoused their cause, in promptly assenting to the act of the legislature constituting the country around Annotto-Bay a new and distinct parish, in accordance with the universal and expressed wishes of the resident Proprietors, Freeholders, and mass of the labouring population. This meeting recognises in his Excellency the friend and patron of their desired parish, and rejoices to have the name of METCALFE so intimately incorporated with their local institutions, as to be a household word to be handed down to posterity, and hereafter to be referred to as a particular instance of the wisdom and liberality of Sir Charles T. Metcalfe.

4th.—That we, the inhabitants of the new parish of Metcalfe, a community who have individually struggled to secure a competency, whose all is bound up in the welfare of our adopted country, and who, in common with the other inhabitants of Jamaica, have been taught to appreciate the blessings of good government by painful experience of the reverse, cannot, in hacknied language of a farewell address, express the feelings with which we are oppressed at the prospect of losing such a Governor as Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, convinced that he is—

“ The Star that our darkness divided ;  
 “ The Harp that gave melody e’en to the blast ;  
 “ The Dove that brought peace when the waters subsided ;  
 “ The Violet of Hope, when the winter is pass’d.”

5th.—That James Maxwell, Edward Bond, the Rev. Richard Forbes, George Scotland, and W. F. Whitehouse, Esqrs. be a committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency, embodying these Resolutions.

The meeting adjourned for a short time, to allow the committee to prepare the address, which being done, on re-assembling, it was

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*Resolved, 6th.*—That the address now presented and read be adopted and signed by the chairman on behalf of the meeting, and that Edward Trueman Guy, Hinton Spalding, and George Scotland, Esqrs. be a deputation to present the same to his Excellency Sir C. T. Metcalfe.

*Resolved, 7th.*—That this meeting will join in any general address that may be contemplated by the inhabitants of this colony, to be presented to her Majesty, praying that her Majesty may be pleased to confer on Sir C. T. Metcalfe some mark of her Royal favour, on his retiring from the government of this colony.

*Resolved, 8th.*—That the inhabitants of Metcalfe will go hand in hand with their fellow-colonists in perpetuating, by a statue or otherwise, the name of a Governor, who has deservedly endeared himself to all classes in this colony.

JAMES MAXWELL.

On motion of the Rev. Richard Forbes, Mr. Scotland was requested to take the chair, when it was

*Resolved, nem. con.*—That the thanks of the meeting are due to Dr. Maxwell, for his having presided so ably at this meeting.

GEO. SCOTLAND.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

THE Proprietors, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the newly-constituted parish of Metcalfe, have heard with extreme regret and concern, that it is your Excellency's intention to retire from the government of this island.

The assumption of the government of this important colony, at a period of extraordinary excitement, arising from the recent change effected in our social condition, when party feeling ran high, and faction menaced the peace of the island, required such eminent qualities as are happily united in the person of your Excellency, to allay discord, and restore order and tranquillity.

With a mind unbiassed, your Excellency adopted immediate measures to acquire an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the actual state of the colony from personal inspection, and based your administration upon truth and justice.

The improvement in our judicial system—the protection of civil and religious liberty—the rescue of the local magistracy from unmerited obloquy—the vindication of the character of



the proprietary and inhabitants generally from the wanton calumny and slander of enemies—the harmonious feeling maintained with the legislature, and the uniform desire evinced to promote the best interests of the colony, are remarkable instances of your Excellency's judicious policy and wisdom, which excite our admiration, and demand our sincere thanks and gratitude.

Your Excellency's administration has been characterised by a manly, upright, and impartial course, well calculated to inspire us with confidence and hope, and to dispel the gloom which darkens our commercial and agricultural prospects. We therefore view your Excellency's departure from this island, at this crisis of Colonial affairs, as a public loss not soon to be forgotten, nor easily to be repaired, but we have some consolation in thinking, that as your Excellency is actuated by a sincere desire for the welfare of Jamaica, your influence will still be beneficially used to promote the prosperity of a colony in which your government has been so pre-eminently successful.

The inhabitants of Metcalfe have peculiar reasons to regret your Excellency's departure. Your visit to this quarter, where you encountered so many inconveniences, gave you the opportunity of bearing testimony to the neglected and helpless state of the district; and the frank manner in which you acknowledged their humble address, emboldened them to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances, and which has led to the formation of an independent parish.

We take this opportunity of cordially thanking your Excellency for having so readily assented to the bill constituting the new parish, and look forward with hope to its final organization through your favorable representation. We recognize in your Excellency the friend and patron of our desired parish, and rejoice to have the name of Metcalfe so intimately incorporated with our local institutions, as to become a household word to be handed down to posterity.

When your Excellency shall have retired from this island, where your benevolence, and charity, and universal philanthropy have been so conspicuously displayed, you will carry with you the blessings of the young and the old of every denomination and creed, and our prayers and heart's wishes will be, that whether in the calm of domestic enjoyment, or in the active engagements of public life, you may enjoy a full measure of health and happiness, the continued confidence of your Sovereign, and the smiles of an approving conscience.

JAMES MAXWELL, *Chairman.*

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## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Proprietors, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the newly constituted Parish of Metcalfe.*

The sentiments which you entertain, gentlemen, regarding my administration of the Government of this important Colony, and the affectionate regret which you express on the occasion of my approaching departure, command my heartfelt thankfulness.

Such an honor comes with peculiar force to me from a community which has spontaneously chosen to be identified with my name, and which, if the constitution of your parish be confirmed by Royal assent, will gild that humble name with an enviable immortality.

I cannot be insensible to the exalted character of an honor which would connect my memory for ever with a portion of a land on which, while I live, my thoughts will always dwell with fond affection and gratitude; but, in consenting to the bill proposing the formation of your parish, I should be ashamed if I had been, in any degree, influenced by that consideration. I should always require very strong grounds to induce me to refuse my consent to any bill sent up to me by the two branches of the legislature, and especially to a measure so much considered as this had been during two separate Sessions. I had an additional motive to consent, from the fact, that those who pressed the accomplishment of the measure were satisfied of the benefit which would result, and were willing to take on themselves the expense of carrying the act into effect. There are few advantages in this uncertain world without some drawback, and it cannot be denied, that in this instance loss is inflicted on the remaining portions of the parishes of St. Mary and St. George, by throwing on them the expense of their respective parishes with diminished resources. This has appeared to me to be an indisputable objection to the new arrangement, but not one sufficient to overcome the claims of those desiring the separation for their own benefit. It is an objection which, if deemed insuperable, would, in every instance, prevent the formation of a new parish. I therefore gave my assent to the bill, not however without earnest regret at the manner in which it unavoidably affected the interests of the parishes of St. George and St. Mary.

Accept, gentlemen, my cordial wishes for the confirmation and prosperity of your new parish. May every other blessing attend you collectively and individually; and be assured, that I prize, as among the highest of honors, that which you confer on me by the sentiments which you entertain.

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## COUNTY OF CORNWALL.

### PARISH OF WESTMORELAND.

AT a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Westmoreland, convened at the Court-House, Savanna-la-Mar, on Saturday, the 2d April, 1842, by his honor the Custos, in conformity with a requisition most numerous and respectably signed,

*Resolved*, That the relinquishment of the government of this island by his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, has caused the greatest possible grief to the inhabitants of this parish.

That they cannot be too much alive to the extraordinary worth of an individual who, in so short a time, has been able to reconcile dissensions of a nature fearful to the well-being of the country, and who has been so successful in establishing peace, harmony, and good will among all classes.

That no individual could have been selected by the government of the mother-country with greater consideration to the necessities of the times.

That in conjunction with his character for wisdom, integrity, and impartiality as a governor, his amenity of manner, his benevolence of disposition, and unbounded charity—gifts so rarely found in one man, will leave an indelible impression of his worth on the minds of every inhabitant of Jamaica.

That a committee be appointed to frame an address to his Excellency, expressive of our grateful feelings towards him.

That his Honor the Custos be requested to sign these Resolutions and Address on behalf of the meeting, and present the same to his Excellency in the most agreeable manner.

*It was also Resolved*, That the inhabitants of this parish will most cordially join in subscribing towards the erection of a Statue in testimony of the worth of his Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, at the same time not pledging themselves to its being erected in any particular locality.

The Custos having left the Chair, and H. A. Whitelocke being called thereto, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Meeting be given to his Honor the Custos, for his impartial conduct in the chair.

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## THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c. GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Custos, Clergy, Magistrates, Vestrymen, and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of Westmoreland, cannot conceal the very deep regret which we feel at your Excellency's resignation of the government of this island, and early departure from it.

When, by our most gracious Majesty's command, your Excellency assumed this government, our island was distracted from the effects of internal and external dissension, and had shrunk from the distinguished position it once held of being among the brightest jewels in the Crown of England, to an almost valueless Colony.

To bring about an healthy order of things, repose was absolutely required and earnestly desired, but it also required the powers of no ordinary mind to effect this desirable end.

By a happy combination of sound wisdom and discretion, and by the exercise of the most kindly feelings, commingled with that impartial justice which characterized a good man, your Excellency, under Divine Providence, has however laid the foundation for its accomplishment.

And although the prospects of the island, both in a mercantile and agricultural consideration, are still gloomy, we have the satisfaction of feeling assured every thing has been done that good internal government could attain.

We address you then, Sir, as a grateful people, sensible of your paternal care for us, and full of hope that you may receive that reward from our Sovereign to which your zealous services and exalted virtues entitle you.

Accept then, Sir, this humble tribute of our respect and affection, and be assured that while we shall ever pray for your good, the memory of you will be treasured in our hearts to all posterity, as having been the best friend of Jamaica.

By desire, and on behalf of the inhabitants of Westmoreland:

THOS. M'NEEL, *Chairman.*

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Custos, Clergy, Magistrates, Vestrymen, and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of Westmoreland.*

I receive, gentlemen, the honor conferred on me by your affectionate address with heartfelt thankfulness. I cannot part without deep regret from those who think of me so kindly.

You justly dwell on the blessing of repose, although you over-rate the part that I have had in producing that state. The island itself desired repose, and when the heat of the by-gone struggle had subsided, easily obtained that result.—God grant that it may be perpetual.

Repose is promoted by the absence of all violence; and mutual forbearance, when parties are not well pleased, is essential for its continuance. Animosity begets animosity, and discord let loose, runs wild. Much strife would be prevented, if we taught ourselves to forbear from giving way to our feelings, when disposed hastily to find fault with others. Simple and common place as these truths are, we are all too apt to forget and neglect them, and thence often arises that general disturbance of good feeling, which is the forerunner of great evils. May peace, and harmony, and brotherly love, and every other blessing, be with you. I trust that the prospects of commerce and agriculture will brighten, and that returning wealth may cheer and invigorate the land.—This is the only subject on which I feel any anxiety in quitting Jamaica. In every other respect I trust her welfare is secure. Be assured, gentlemen, that I shall ever retain a grateful sense of your kindness in the sentiments which you entertain towards me, and that they will be to me a source of pride and satisfaction all the days of my life.

#### PARISH OF HANOVER.

AT a public meeting of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of this parish, convened by requisition to his Honor the Custos, at the Court-House, Lucea, on Tuesday, the 22d of March,

The Hon. THOS. BARKER ALLWOOD was called to the Chair.

*It was Resolved*, That in view of the approaching departure of his Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Baronet, from the government of this island, an humble address be presented from this parish, expressive of our deep regret at an event which will deprive us of his impartial rule, and of our admiration and respect for his person and government.

*Resolved*, That his honor the Custos and the senior Representative of the parish, be appointed a deputation to present the same in the most acceptable manner.

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to prepare the address, viz.:—Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. Grant, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Lyon, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Bravo, and Mr. Barham.

After a short adjournment, the committee returned with an address, which was read, and unanimously adopted.

*It was Resolved*, That the same committee be requested to co-operate with the Metropolitan Committee in collecting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a Statue in honor and memory of "Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Jamaica's best friend."

*Resolved*, That in pursuance of the recommendation of the Metropolitan Committee, the subscriptions be not more than twenty shillings, nor less than one shilling, and, that Joshua Heyward, Esq. be requested to act as Treasurer.

*It was further Resolved*, That the committee be also empowered to make up a further collection for the purpose of obtaining a likeness of his Excellency, with which to adorn the Court-House, and in the hope that his virtues may be imitated, and his justice emulated.

T. B. ALLWOOD, *Custos Rotulorum*,  
and Chairman.

The Custos having left the Chair, and Mr. Chambers called thereto, the thanks of the meeting were voted to his Honor for his impartial conduct in the chair.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We approach you on this occasion with feelings of profound regret.

In contemplating the departure of your Excellency from the shores of Jamaica, the inhabitants of this parish sympathize with the island at large at an event which will deprive us of the guidance and protection of one whom, whether we regard him as a Ruler, a Benefactor, or a Man, has established imperishable claims to our admiration and gratitude.

These, your Excellency, are not the mere formal or ceremonial courtesies which spring from the requirements of duty, but the sincere effusions from the hearts of those whom you have heavily, but benevolently, made your debtors, by the rigid impartiality of your decisions—the consummate skill of your policy—and the matchless wisdom of your administration.

Your's, Sir, will be the gratifying reminiscences of having tranquillized and united a community torn, distracted, and



uneasy—of having reconciled the jarring and conflicting interests of party, at a time when our country was undergoing an experiment the most stupendous and benevolent that the world has yet witnessed.

The earnest prayer of the inhabitants of Hanover is, that through the favor of our beloved Sovereign, you will abundantly receive those earthly rewards to which you are eminently entitled by your long and meritorious services to your country—that you may enjoy a prolonged and happy life in this world—and finally, that when removed from this sphere, you may be crowned with the eternal favor of “Him through whom all Kings reign, and Princes decree justice.”

On behalf of the inhabitants of the Parish of Hanover.

THOS. B. ALLWOOD,  
*Custos Rotulorum, and Chairman of  
Public Meeting.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the  
Parish of Hanover.*

The affectionate regret which you express, gentlemen, on the occasion of my approaching departure, and the sentiments of approbation and esteem by which it is accompanied, lay me under an obligation to your kindness, of which I shall ever be sensible. The greatest services would be amply compensated by such a return. The humble endeavours which it has been in my power to make, are rewarded far beyond their merits by such cordial applause. I shall cherish the recollection of the honor that you have conferred on me in a grateful memory, and remember your friendly feeling as long as I live. When I visited your parish, and experienced your hospitality soon after my arrival in this island, I adverted to the following words put by Addison into the mouth of Cato, as conveying a resolution which we might all imitate:

“’Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more,  
Sempronius, we'll deserve it.”

We all endeavoured to deserve it, and, if I may rely on the general impression, it has been obtained as fully as could have been expected. God grant that its results may be permanent, and that you may always experience the advantages of universal harmony, and every other blessing.

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## PARISH OF SAINT JAMES.

A public meeting was held in the Ball Room, adjoining the Court-House, in the town of Montego-Bay, on Monday, the 21st March, 1842, for the purpose, agreeably to a requisition, signed by upwards of seventy of the most respectable inhabitants of this parish. At 11 P. M. the chair was taken by the Hon. G. M. Lawson, sen. who proceeded to address the meeting to the following effect:—

GENTLEMEN—We have met here agreeably to the most respectable and numerous signed requisition which I have ever seen, to be afforded an opportunity of expressing our deep regret at the near departure of our worthy and highly esteemed Governor, Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, from the island, and to make known to him our high sense of the inestimable benefits we have derived from his government. (Hear, hear.) Gentlemen, I have seen fourteen governors in succession presiding over the destinies of Jamaica, and were I to draw a comparison between those and his Excellency, I should shew an invidiousness to them which it would be as unnecessary as it is uncalled for to introduce here. The benefits which we have received from his government speak for themselves, and I believe we are all well acquainted with them. After ruling over a portion of the East for a considerable time, with incalculable credit to himself and great benefit to that part of the empire, he was selected to come here at a period of trial and extreme difficulty.

When the cruel hand of misfortune had compelled us to drink of the cup of misery to the very dregs, and when scarcely a ray of the hope of amendment could be seen on our horizon, the guardian Angel of Jamaica (hear, hear,) seemed as it were to beckon Sir Charles Metcalfe to our shores, whose cool prudence and intimate knowledge of governing, enabled him to draw us from that brink to which we were fast approaching, and to throw around us a shield of safety. We hail him as the protector of Jamaica. What the benefits have been, which we have derived from his government, are too well known to all of you to require any enumeration from me. I shall therefore merely beg you to allow me to present an address, which has been handed to me on the subject of his departure, and if you approve of it, I should next propose to have it presented by our senior Representative, as the most proper mode of making the address acceptable to his Excellency, and creditable to ourselves.

Mr. Manderson next rose, and said that he thought, as a preliminary, certain resolutions ought to be adopted—it was usual, he believed, to appoint a committee for the purpose of drawing up the Address. He would therefore submit the following to the approval of the meeting:—

*Resolved*—That this meeting contemplates with extreme regret, the intended departure of our excellent Governor, Sir C. T. Metcalfe, from this Colony, and consider such departure a calamity to the country.

*Resolved*—That the disordered condition of the country at the time of Sir Charles Metcalfe's assuming the government of it, was such as must inevitably have led to results destructive to its best interests; which, through Divine interposition, and the judicious, temperate, and firm conduct of our Ruler, have been arrested.

*Resolved*—That a committee be appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency, expressive of our conviction of the foregoing facts, our entire satisfaction of his government, and regret at his intended departure.

M<sup>r</sup>. Reaburn said he believed that several gentlemen present had prepared addresses, and that it would be proper for the committee to make a selection of the best.

A committee was then appointed, consisting of John Manderson, George Gordon, Dr. Lawson, jun. Lawrence Hislop, Thomas Reaburn, and Alexander Holmes, Esqrs. who soon returned with the address, which was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The address having been read by Dr. Lawson, jun.

*It was Resolved*—That the address just read be agreed to, and that the senior Magistrate be required to sign it on behalf of the inhabitants, and to forward it in a manner most agreeable to his Excellency.

The Honorable G. M. Lawson having left the chair, Lawrence Hislop, Esq. one of the Representatives in Assembly for St. James, was called to supply his place, and a vote of thanks, expressive of the proper and dignified manner in which the honorable chairman had presided at the meeting, was unanimously accorded to that gentleman.

### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the parish of St. James, presume respectfully to address your Excellency on the occasion of your intended departure from this island.

When we revert to the discord and confusion that extensively prevailed at the time of your arrival, and contrast them with the harmony and peace in which you are about to leave us—when we contemplate the invariable equitable and humane principles of your government, and your personal identification with the interests of the island, we have the assur-

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preferring always to lead rather than to drive—and vindicate  
the character of the inhabitants of the island, while he advoc-  
ated its just claims with the parent state.

We cannot permit you to depart without tendering to you  
the heartfelt homage of that respect, gratitude, and affection,  
which your public munificence, irrespective of sect or party,  
to every institution beneficial to the island, and your unbound-  
ed charity, so loudly demand, and which we are aware your of-  
ficial income must have been inadequate to supply. But, Sir,  
whilst dispensing benefits upon all around you, you have been  
personally provident indeed, for you have “laid up for your-  
self treasure in Heaven.”

To have been informed of your Excellency's intended re-  
signation of this government under ordinary circumstances,  
would have filled our minds with regret; but when we learn  
that the loss we are about to sustain is attributable to impaired  
health, we but faintly express the painful emotions of our  
hearts when we testify our deep sorrow at the cause. God for-  
bid that we should then be so selfish as to desire your continu-  
ance with us. No—we indulge the fervent hope that the  
change to a more favorable climate will, under Divine Mercy,  
conduce to your entire recovery, and you—the uncompromis-  
ing Friend and Pacificator of Jamaica—leave behind you a  
noble example for all your successors, whilst you carry with  
you the blessings of the inhabitants of this parish, and indeed  
of the whole island, who cordially unite in the ardent wish  
that you may long enjoy the happy feelings of a self-approv-  
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istic virtues which you have so eminently discovered to us—  
rendering you in public a distinguished, faithful, and valued  
servant of your Sovereign, and, in private, the generous and  
never-failing supporter of the distressed.

G. M. LAWSON, *Senior Magistrate.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the  
Parish of Saint James.*

Accept, gentlemen, my cordial thanks for your kind and  
affectionate address. The sentiments which you express will  
ever be treasured in my memory with the most grateful feel-  
ings.

I am happy to be able to assure you that I am not driven from Jamaica by ill-health. I have enjoyed the most perfect general health during my residence in this island, which, fatal as the lowlands too often prove to the European constitution before it becomes acclimated, possesses in its mountains and highlands a climate not, I believe, to be surpassed in their healthfulness; and pleasantness by any in the world. For my own part neither in the highlands nor in the lowlands have I experienced one moment's interruption of general health, and I shall exchange the climate of Jamaica for that of England with great regret, and without the slightest expectation of any benefit from that cause.

That I may always bear, gentlemen, of your health and happiness; that agricultural and commercial prosperity may revive; that harmony and brotherly love may unite all hearts; and that every other blessing may attend you, will ever be among my warmest wishes.

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### PARISH OF TRELAWNY.

At a Public Meeting, held at the Court-House, Falmouth, on Monday, the 21st day of March, 1842,

GEORGE MARRETT, Esquire, Senior Magistrate, in the Chair,

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Rector of Trelawny, seconded by John Jump, Esquire.

That this meeting has heard, with feelings of the most painful regret, of the expected departure of Sir Charles Metcalfe from this island, and of his intention to relinquish the government thereof.

It was also resolved, on the motion of James Dunstone, Esquire, Member of Assembly, and seconded by Joseph Bridge, Esquire.

That an humble address to his Excellency be prepared, containing an expression of our universal sorrow upon the occasion of his departure from Jamaica, and also of the grateful and affectionate remembrance with which his memory will ever be cherished by the inhabitants of Trelawny.

The address having been then read, at the request of the meeting, by William Holder, Esquire, it was also resolved, on the motion of James Murray, Esquire, seconded by Ellis Fray, Esquire.

That the address now presented and read be adopted, and signed by his honor the chairman on behalf of the meeting, and that the same be then forwarded for presentation to his Excellency

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It was also resolved, on motion of John Davis, Esquire, R. N. seconded by Henry Swell, Esquire.

That this meeting, contemplating with the greatest admiration the public sentiments and course of policy always adopted by his Excellency in the government of Jamaica, is desirous of preserving all such despatches and public documents of his Excellency as have been printed under authority of the Imperial Parliament, and that the same be forthwith collected and bound together, and also be preserved as part of the public muniments of this parish.

It was also resolved, on motion of John R. Kitchen, Esquire, seconded by Doctor Stevens,

That the several resolutions passed at this meeting be printed and published in the Cornwall Courier and Falmouth Post.

**GEORGE MARRET, *Chairman.***

The Senior Magistrate having vacated the chair, and the same having been taken by the honorable Henry Roberts, it was unanimously resolved,

That the thanks of this meeting be given to his honor the Chairman, for the readiness and urbanity with which he has occupied the chair.

**HENRY ROBERTS.**

### THE ADDRESS.

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.**

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Trelawny, approach your Excellency to express our sincere and unmitigated sorrow at your Excellency's intended departure from the island.

On no former occasion has the secession of any Governor from this colony excited the same feeling of universal regret as that with which your Excellency's retirement is now regarded.

The difficulties which surrounded your Excellency's assumption of the government of this island were such as could only have been overcome by the just, impartial, and benignant rule which has characterized your Excellency's administration; and its success is manifest in the allayment of the contentions which existed throughout the island, and the existence, in their place, of peace and good will among all classes; while your public policy must demand the deepest gratitude of philanthropic minds, as having proved the possibility of a peace-



ful and happy termination to the benevolent change in the social condition of these colonies, scarcely equalled in history, and which, until the arrival of your Excellency, threatened to prove a signal failure in this island.

We feel also the highest admiration for the unbounded munificence displayed by your Excellency whenever objects of charity, religion, or public utility presented the field for its bestowal; and it must be a gratification to your Excellency that long after your much lamented departure from these shores, the recollection of your Excellency will be cherished by the widow, the orphan, or the recipient of the blessings of education in the establishments formed or supported from the influence of the high example of benevolence afforded by your Excellency.

In the painful contemplation of your Excellency's speedy separation from us, it is now only left to us to convey our fervent wishes for your Excellency's safe arrival in Great-Britain, when we sincerely trust that the favor of her Majesty may distinguish you to new dignities, which we believe can seldom have been better merited; and that, under the favor of the Almighty, you may long live in restored health to enjoy them with the peace and consolation afforded by the retrospect of a life distinguished by a devotion to every good purpose.

On behalf of the meeting,

GEO. MARRET, *Chairman.*

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Trelawny.*

With the most grateful sense of the kindness manifested in the farewell address which I have received from you, I am nevertheless, gentlemen, unable to express my thankfulness in adequate terms. I can only assure you that I shall remember with pride and pleasure, all the days of my life, the cordial feelings that you evince, and the honor which they confer on me.

You have adverted to the successful result of the great change that has taken place in the social relations of the inhabitants of this island. That change was necessary for the cause of humanity. But it was a revolution that convulsed every family, and in one way or another affected every individual in the colony.

That it was attended with anxieties and heart-burnings, cannot be wondered at. That these have subsided is, I conceive, chiefly owing to the natural course of events, which has taught all parties to understand their true interests, and to

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the prevailing good sense which has readily imbibed that knowledge. Jamaica affords an example which all the foreign colonies, and all nations in which slavery exists, would act wisely in following; for although it will doubtless be urged as an objection to that course that the rate of wages is such as to make it difficult to work some estates with profit, it ought to be remembered that the rate of wages is regulated by distinct causes, which operate alike in all countries. As surely as a superabundance of labourers in England makes wages low, and employment scarce, and leads to inadequacy of subsistence and great distress, not less certainly will an insufficient supply of labourers in other countries, or their having means of subsistence independent of labour, produce high wages, difficulty in procuring labour, and increased expence in cultivation, until these can be obviated by greater economy or improved management; but the loss, however trying, is, we may hope, temporary, and only produced by causes which may be removed. It would be monstrous to urge a state of things which indicates the exceeding comfort of the labouring class, and the entire success of emancipation, with regard to their welfare, as a reason in favour of holding our fellow-creatures in the chains of slavery. I trust that foreign nations will see, in the example of the British colonies, that the blessing of freedom may be granted without danger, and with manifold benefits, and I hope that Jamaica will afford further encouragement to this blissful result, by an abundant renewal of prosperity and wealth.

That these blessings may attend this beautiful and fertile island, will ever be one of the most anxious wishes of my heart; and I trust that the parish of Trelawny will have its full share of benefit. Accept, gentlemen, my warmest wishes for your welfare and happiness.

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#### PARISH OF SAINT ELIZABETH.

AT a general meeting of the Magistrates, Vestrymen, and other inhabitants of the parish of Saint Elizabeth, held at Black River, on Friday the 8th day of April, 1842, convened by requisition to prepare a valedictory address to his Excellency Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, &c. &c. the Honorable Duncan Robertson, Custos, in the chair,

*Resolved*—That in consideration of the great and beneficial good promoted to the island by the upright and impartial conduct of our esteemed and excellent Governor, Sir Charles

Theophilus Metcalfe, that he is well deserving of the thanks of the community of this parish, and that a valedictory address embodying these our sentiments, be immediately prepared and presented to his Excellency before his intended departure from the island.

*Resolved*—That the address presented by Raynes W. Smith, Esq. be adopted.

*Resolved*—That the following gentlemen, Charles Miller Farquharson, Arthur Fitzjohn Foster, and Edward Claver Smith, Esqrs. be appointed a deputation to wait upon his Excellency, and present the address.

*Resolved*—On the motion of James Miller, Esq. and seconded by Bernard Martin Senior, Esq. that the thanks of the meeting be voted to his honor the Custos, for his conduct in the chair.

DN. ROBERTSON, *Custos and  
Chairman.*

### THE ADDRESS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Elizabeth, deeply sensible of the benefits derived from your Excellency's administration of the government of this island, and participating in the common grief evinced at the departure of your Excellency from its shores, desire to record (inadequate as language is to convey the feelings of the heart), our sincere regret.

We acknowledged, with your Excellency, as prophetic of progressive improvement in our social relations, "That Jamaica did indeed require repose," and we have felt the influences of the spirit of your Excellency's government, as deep rivers in their fertilizing courses, that present but a calm current to the eye, in the faithful appreciation of present difficulties, in the reconciliation of wounded feelings, in the vindication of the calumniated, and in the re-establishment of the foundations of the prosperity of our once distracted colony.

But we do not, Sir, from these acts alone repine at your Excellency's departure. Will not the institutions of our island, bereft of the support and protection of their Patron, lament his absence? Can the poor and needy, the widow and the orphan, and he that had none to help him fail to feel the want of their benefactor and their friend? And is it possible for us, with the review of your Excellency's extensive charities and benevolence of heart and hand, to refrain from this imperfect

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tribute of our sorrow and regret? We will not dwell longer upon this theme, but turn with other feelings to the contemplation of the happiness that awaits your Excellency in your retirement. We pray the Giver of all good, that He will be pleased to cause that cheerful consolation which is derived from the reminiscences of a well-spent life, to shed peculiar grace over your declining years, and be assured, Sir, that the recollection of your many virtues will go down among us to be had in everlasting remembrance.

DN. ROBERTSON, *Custos*.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Elizabeth.*

Accept, gentlemen, my heartfelt thanks for the kindness which has led to your affectionate address. In saying farewell to you, I say it for the last time to Jamaica. I have now received addresses from every parish in the island, all conveying the same generous sentiments, in similar glowing language.—This is an accumulation of honor which may justify some degree of pride, and most assuredly will be cherished in my remembrance with unfading gratitude. I came among you a perfect stranger, whose humble name, probably at that time, had never reached your ears. I was received with open arms and willing hearts. It was my pleasing duty to execute the will of our gracious Sovereign, and the instructions of her Majesty's Ministers, by healing the wounds caused by a previous struggle. It was done for me by the loyalty and good feeling of the whole island. If ever I be permitted to approach the Royal presence, and render an account of my stewardship, I shall be able to assure our Sovereign Lady, that she has not, in all her immense dominions, more loyal subjects than in her beautiful island of Jamaica; and I trust that my immediate successor, and all future Governors, will have it in their power to afford the same assurance. I have found that good will is responded to by cordiality, that honest intentions receive zealous support, and that aid and co-operation are readily forthcoming for useful purposes. The colony has ungrudgingly devoted large sums for the better administration of justice, and the amelioration of prisons, and its liberality for beneficial objects has hardly been limited by its means.

Laws have been passed suited to the altered condition of the social relations of the island, and it may be truly said that subject to such improvements as the statutes of every country more or less require, and of which the expediency is elicited by time, the people of this island, recently in a state of slavery,

enjoy the full benefit of equitable laws, and all the rights and privileges of free born Britons. It is a great satisfaction to me that I leave that vast portion of the population in a condition of comfort and advantage unknown to the labouring classes in other countries; and it is an additional pleasure to believe that they are worthy of their good fortune.

I trust that the report of the Commissioners appointed to ascertain what laws of this island it would be expedient to repeal, amend, and consolidate, will meet with due consideration during the next session of the Legislature.

In a few days I shall most probably deliver over my charge to the hands of my successor. An excellent reputation, already established, warrants a confident hope that Jamaica will be happy under the administration of the Earl of Elgin, and I trust that the joyful intelligence of this result, and of every other good, will gladden me in the retirement to which I am proceeding, and in which the most anxious wishes for your welfare and prosperity, and every blessing to this dear land will ever be among my most cherished thoughts. If strong feelings could leave a physical impression, Jamaica would be found engraven on my heart after it had ceased to beat, and as long as memory lasts I shall not forget the encouraging cordiality with which I was received, or the generous affection which sheds lustre on my departure. God bless you all.

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## THE ADDRESS OF THE CLERGY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHAS.  
T. METCALFE, G.C.B. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Bishop, Archdeacon, Rectors, and others of the Clergy of Jamaica, cannot permit your Excellency to leave our shores without offering the testimony of our heartfelt respect and gratitude.

Those distinguished talents, disciplined and matured in public affairs, which your Excellency brought to the government of this island, with wisdom and integrity, which have marked every successive step of your administration—and that discriminating and unbiassed judgment, which has enabled you to discern clearly the real condition of our people, have been witnessed by us with admiration in their benign exercise. While in the happy results which have crowned your labours, we are left a memorable proof that in civil government, as in ordinary life, the profoundest policy is that which is guided by undeviating candour, sincerity, and rectitude, by the simplicity of that “wisdom which is from above.”

But, in tracing to its source the distinguished success which has attended your Excellency's administration, we are particularly led to regard it in a still higher view, as animated by that Christian benevolence which has not been more conspicuous in your munificent support of all our religious and charitable institutions, and of every undertaking calculated to promote public prosperity and happiness, than in your unaffected humanity, kindness, and condescension in private life.

It is, we verily believe, to the expansive and cheering influence of this principle, dominant in your government of our island, and in all your transactions and intercourse with its inhabitants of every rank, diffused far and wide, and from heart to heart, by the mysterious power of sympathy and example, that, under Divine Providence, so much of our present peace and happiness is to be ascribed.

Your Excellency is about to retire for the second time from the arduous labours and duties—from the cares and distractions of a life long devoted to the service of your country in distant climes, to the repose and endearments of your native land. May Almighty God of His mercy grant you health and length of days to enjoy the rewards reserved for you there in the favour of your Sovereign and the affection of a grateful people; may the Gift of the Holy Spirit shed a cloudless serenity over your



declining years ; and may your latter end be peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP, THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON, AND THE REVEREND THE RECTORS AND OTHERS OF THE CLERGY OF JAMAICA.

*My Lord, and Reverend Gentlemen,*

I know not how I can attempt to describe my sense of the honor that you have generously expressed. I shall ever remember it with pride, but I am utterly at a loss for words to make a suitable acknowledgment.

Your own duties exceed immensely in value those of all others of your fellow-creatures. It would be presumptuous in me to say more than that they are worthily performed.

Your sacred calling places in your hands, not only the care of your flocks generally, but especially the introduction into the bosom of the Church, and the moral and religious instruction of the lately benighted children of Africa, who compose, perhaps, nine-tenths of the inhabitants of this island. No one can be insensible of the importance of this charge—which, while other things relate solely to their temporal interest in this transitory world, not only tends to the most effectual accomplishment of that object, but guides them to the Throne of Mercy, and the salvation of their immortal souls in the immeasurable range of eternity.

May the Almighty bless your righteous labours, and cause them to be more and more instrumental, as they already have been, in the spread of education, the promotion of virtue, and the advancement of true religion.

Allow me to congratulate you on the event of this day, towards which we have all assisted in laying the foundation of an additional Chapel for Christian Worship in this town. I trust that it will become a structure devoted to the glory of God, and productive of the extension of Christ's Holy Church.

I cannot refrain from offering my thanks to you for the support which you have given in the administration of the government of this island, by your charitable and Christian endeavours to promote harmony and brotherly love among all classes.

The reward to which you look is not of this world, nor in the praise of men, but from above ; and the God of Peace, whose Holy Spirit leads you, will remember all who do His Will.

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I entreat you to accept the assurance of my deep respect and reverence, my humble but cordial wishes for your personal welfare, and my heartfelt gratitude for the kindness that you have manifested.

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### ADDRESS OF THE AGENTS OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, G.C.B. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Missionaries and Catechists of the London Missionary Society in Jamaica, beg to approach your Excellency with a respectful expression of our sincere regret at your Excellency's resignation of the government of, and early departure from, the colony.

We discharge an agreeable duty in acknowledging the high ability, firmness, and impartial justice, which have been displayed by your Excellency in administering the government of this colony. Peculiar difficulties marked the period at which your Excellency took the government, but they were speedily and easily overcome, and a season of quiet and security have been since enjoyed throughout the island, which we earnestly pray may continue.

In particular, we desire to express our thankfulness to your Excellency for the great liberality which your Excellency has displayed towards all the Missionary and other religious and charitable institutions of the island, and especially for the share of it which our own body has received.

May the Supreme Ruler, who has enabled your Excellency to confer such great benefits on Jamaica, grant to your Excellency a prosperous voyage to your native land, and crown all your future days, wherever they shall be spent, with health, peace, and happiness. We bid your Excellency "farewell."

Signed on behalf of the body,

ROBERT JONES, *Chairman.*  
JOHN VINE, *Secretary.*

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### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Missionaries and Catechists of the London Missionary Society in Jamaica.*

I thank you, gentlemen, most sincerely for the kindness

which has conferred on me the honor of your obliging address, and for the approving sentiments and good wishes which it conveys.

In the trifling contributions which it has been in my power to make to the religious and charitable institutions of the island, it has always been a source of serious regret to me, that they have been so utterly inadequate to the important purposes which they have been designed to promote, and that the habits of the world consume the greater portion of every man's means in expenditure of far inferior utility on objects comparatively trivial and contemptible.

I hold it to be the bounden duty of every one, on whom the bounty of the Almighty has graciously bestowed abundance, to give freely and cordially, each according to his means, for the benefit of those in less fortunate circumstances, who tread the thorny paths of life, and need assistance. No purpose can be conceived having stronger demands on our best exertions than that in which the pious Ministers of Christianity in this island unceasingly labour—the intellectual, moral, and religious instruction of the great mass of its inhabitants, who were formerly in the chains of mental as well as bodily bondage. For the share, gentlemen, which the Reverend Pastors of your Society have taken in this holy work, you are entitled to the gratitude of mankind. I humbly hope that the God of All will bless your endeavours, and produce suitable fruits in the practice, by your congregations, of that virtuous conduct, which is the only road to true happiness, either in this world or that to come.

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#### ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Members of the Jamaica Missionary Presbytery, in the Parish of St. Mary, in conjunction with our respective congregations, beg leave to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing our deep regret at your Excellency's departure from our island.

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cellency, to make known the high sense we entertain of the righteousness and benignity of your Excellency's administration.

Brief although the term of your Excellency's sojourn among us has been, yet, by the course which your Excellency has followed, many existing evils have been cured, and many threatened evils averted. And by the enlightened policy which has given a high and an indelible character to your Excellency's government, measures have been adopted which were fraught with a large amount of present good, and which, by the blessing of God, will secure to the emancipated colony great prosperity in years to come.

Under the benign and liberal government of your Excellency, the cause of education has made rapid and extensive progress; and with reference to religious privilege, we can assuredly say that we have sat under our vine and our fig-tree, and none have made us afraid.

By your Excellency's departure we lose a friend—a heart which feels for us, and a hand which liberally aids us. The poor will lose a generous supporter, and the destitute stranger a benefactor and shield.

The name of your Excellency will be ever associated with much that is important and valuable in the colony, and your administration will form a bright spot in the page of its history. As the Representative of our beloved Sovereign, and the head of our colonial government, we have not ceased to pray for your Excellency. And although, in a little, your Excellency will no longer stand to us in the same relation, yet our interest in all that is connected with your Excellency shall not thus pass away. We desire to commend your Excellency to the care of a gracious God. We will not forget you at His Throne, when exposed on your way homewards, to the perils of the ocean. It is our last, and it will be our constant wish that prosperity may ever attend you—that the blood of Jesus, through the mighty working of the Spirit of God, may fill your soul with peace—may sanctify all your afflictions and trials in this vale of tears, and may secure to you that importance which is incorruptible, and the crown of glory, which fadeth not away.

Signed in name of the absent Members of Presbytery,

JOHN SIMPSON, *Minister.*

WM. JAMESON, *Minister.*

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Members of the Jamaica Missionary Presbytery, in the Parish of St. Mary, in conjunction with their respective congregations.*

I thank you, gentlemen, most cordially for the goodness which has induced you to come from the parish of St. Mary on this deputation, to do me honor by the presentation of your affectionate address.

Your praises, although I am conscious that they far exceed my humble deserts, are sweet and soothing, as the offspring of kind hearts that are disposed to put a high appreciation on good intentions.

For your prayers I shall ever be grateful. The prayers of the pious are heard at the Throne of Mercy, and plead for the sinner, in whose behalf they ascend.

I have observed, with great satisfaction, during my residence in Jamaica, the readiness of the mass of the people to embrace the benefits of education—their eagerness for religious instruction, and their general attendance at the worship of the Almighty. For these conspicuous virtues in their character, which are blessings to themselves and the whole community, we are indebted, in the greatest degree, to the Ministers of Religion, who have devoted themselves to the interest of their flocks. While the imperial and local legislatures concurred in the righteous measure of releasing the people from bondage, the Ministers of the Gospel were strenuously employed in emancipating their minds from the chains of ignorance, and their souls from the powers of darkness. Thence arose a connection between the pastors and their congregations, the most interesting and delightful that can be conceived. The former, imitating the Divine Shepherd of the whole Christian flock, brought the wandering sheep into His fold. Their followers, sensible of the benefits conferred, looked up to their benefactors with reverence and attachment. These ties were cemented by taking a powerful interest in all their affairs—by aid in the hour of distress—by the balm of consolation poured on the bed of sickness—by condolence and sympathy with the afflicted—and by administering the means of grace and the hope of glory. Thus, many of the Ministers of Religion in this island have acquired a hold on the hearts of their congregation, not surpassed in any part of the world. It is a power gained by devotion to their sacred duties. May it be always exercised for the general good, and for the spread of that neighbourly love and Christian charity, which we have the highest authority for believing is, next to the love of God, the best of human virtues.

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Such, Reverend Gentlemen, I am persuaded, is your conduct towards your flocks—such the attachment of your congregations towards you—such the exercise of your influence over them. May the Father of All bless and sanctify the holy union, and grant you, here and hereafter, the fruits beyond price of the faithful discharge of duty to God and man.

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### ADDRESS OF THE WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

TO THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, K.C.B. GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

As a deputation from, and representatives of, the whole body of Wesleyan Missionaries in the island of Jamaica, we have sought this opportunity of waiting upon your Excellency, understanding that your Excellency is about to retire from the administration of the government of this important colony.

In thus approaching your Excellency, the Wesleyan Missionaries aspire to an indulgence—sometimes on such occasions allowed—that of expressing their imperishable gratitude to Divine Providence, and to your Excellency, as the instrument thereof, for the manifold benefits conferred on them, the people of their charge, and the island at large, during the too short period of your Excellency's administration.

Not even to your exalted rank, separately considered, could we render the heartfelt homage with which we now approach you, but the profound wisdom which has marked all the measures of your government, and by which jarring interests have been harmonized, and conflicting parties reconciled, so that the disunion which prevailed on your Excellency's entering upon the duties of your high office, did nearly at once disappear. But the even-handed and impartial justice which has appeared in all your adjudications in matters of jurisprudence; the perfect freedom from prejudice, which has distinguished your distribution of honors and offices; and, above all, the virtue and regard for the interests of religion, which have adorned your private life, and which has led to a munificence, more than princely, in the aid rendered by your Excellency to all benevolent, educational, and religious institutions, irrespective of party distinctions, have exalted your Excellency to a marked pre-eminence, not only as a statesman and legislator, but as the patron of all that is good.



But while we admire the impartial liberality, which has led your Excellency to afford ready and great assistance to all who promised in any way to promote the interests of the colony, we regard it as imperative on us, more particularly to acknowledge with lively gratitude, the many favors which the Wesleyan body in this island have received of your Excellency. The *extent* of your generous support of their various institutions has been equalled only by the noble *spontaneity* of your Excellency's very numerous gifts.

While our regard for the interests of religion and education, and of the island at large, constrains us to consider your departure as a great and painful calamity, we feel that it would be ungenerous to wish to deprive you of that retirement, which, after a life so actively and usefully employed in the service of our country, must, to a mind disciplined like your Excellency's, be so desirable.

In conclusion, we beg to assure your Excellency, that while the prospect of your departure possesses us with feelings painfully akin to those of the bereaved, we find consolation in the belief, that wherever your Excellency may fix the place of your retirement, there the blessing of the Greatest and the Best of Beings will abide. Nor shall we fail to present our fervent supplications to the Author of all Good, that your valuable health and life, hitherto preserved 'midst the many dangers of unhealthy climates, may long be continued, and that His choicest blessings, temporal, spiritual, and eternal, may, in life, and for ever, be your Excellency's portion.

We have the honor to remain, &c. &c.

JOHN EDMONDSON,  
JAMES EDNEY.  
WM. RITCHIE.  
HENRY BLEBY.  
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#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

##### *To the Wesleyan Missionaries of Jamaica.*

I beg you, Reverend Gentlemen, to accept my heartfelt thanks for the kind and affectionate sentiments which you have expressed. The approbation of a body so justly respected and revered, and so capable of estimating with accuracy the condition of the inhabitants of this country, will ever be to me a source of high satisfaction. I cannot forget that, at an early period of my administration, you encouraged my endeavours to promote the welfare of all classes; and I am proud,

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I trust with no unbecoming pride, to find at its close that your favorable judgment has been confirmed by their progress and result. The applause of such men I must ever regard as among the richest gifts that this world can bestow.

There is nothing more sublime on earth than the spectacle of the pious Missionary abandoning the pursuits of worldly wealth and honors, and devoting himself entirely to the Glory of God, and the welfare of his fellow-creatures, especially of those who are most in need of his aid: Penetrating fearlessly into the most remote and inhospitable regions, unarmed and unprotected, save by the panoply of his own innocence and virtue, under the watchful eye of the Father of All, in whose name he goes forth, realizing literally what, when it was written, was but a Poet's dream.

"Integer vitæ scelerisque purus  
Non eget Mauri jaculis neque arcu  
Nec venenatis gravida sagittis  
Fusce Phætra  
Sive per Syrtes iter æstuosas  
Sive facturus per inhospitalem  
Caucasum, seu quæ loca fabulosus  
Lambit Hydaspes."

Carrying the Cross of Jesus over the habitable Globe, and seeking with indefatigable labour the eternal salvation of those whom the knowledge of the Gospel had not before reached, following in the footsteps of his predecessor, St. Paul, "in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils of the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger, and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." Such is the picture of the Missionary's life, drawn by the Great Apostle himself, and faithfully copied by his followers of the present day, and by none more than by those of the Wesleyan Body, whose extensive missions in all parts of the world spread the Gospel far and wide over the Earth.

For the inestimable services which you have rendered to Jamaica, I must ever retain the utmost gratitude; for my interest in the welfare of those who inhabit this island, high and low, rich and poor, will not cease with my residence among them. I am bound to them by ties of attachment, which will be lasting. You, gentlemen, have brought a large portion of them into the Church of Christ. You improve their minds and their morals by education and instruction. You visit them in their homes; administer to their wants; exercise a parental influence on their conduct; guide them in the paths of religion; and teach them the way to salvation. All other

benefits sink into nothing before those of such great price.— And to these may be added, that you inculcate harmony and brotherly love among all classes, and have imbued your flocks with the Christian spirit which animates yourselves; so that, from all men, whatever their differences of opinion may be in other respects, I have invariably heard your praises sounded with one universal accord.

Accept, gentlemen, the assurance of my cordial respect; of my thankfulness for the honor which your kindness has conferred on me; of my earnest wishes for your personal health and welfare; and of my reverence for your sacred labours.— May the Almighty bless and reward you, and prosper your righteous work.

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### ADDRESS OF THE WESLEYAN ASSOCIATION METHODISTS.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Ministers, Stewards, and Delegates of the Wesleyan Association in this island, in our annual assembly met, beg to approach your Excellency, on the eve of your departure, with the assurance of our deep regret at the loss which the country is about to sustain by your relinquishment of its government.

When we reflect that it is to your Excellency's wise and prudent administration of the affairs of this important colony we are to attribute its restoration to a state of peace and harmony, and the termination of a dispute between the popular branch of the legislature and the home government, which had long torn and distracted it, we feel grateful to Divine Providence for having directed your footsteps hither, like the kind Samaritan, to pour oil into our wounds, and to your Excellency for the good which, under the direction, and by the aid of that Providence, you have been enabled to accomplish during your short sojourn amongst us.

But if we are thankful for these benefits, how much more grateful ought we to be, as a section of the Christian Church, for your Excellency's support and assistance of men of all denominations in the education and religious instruction of the people; and for the proof thus afforded of your desire to confer the greatest possible benefit upon the largest possible num-

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ber of those who have been committed to your Excellency's care. For this disposition we tender your Excellency our own, and our people's best and warmest acknowledgments.

We beg to assure your Excellency, that we could have desired your continuance among us to promote, as you have hitherto done, and to witness, as we are assured you would do with feelings of pleasure and delight, the increased and increasing information and intelligence of the mass of the people, and the acquaintance by them with that deep and heartfelt religion and those social and moral virtues which are calculated to make them both good men and good citizens, did we not learn that your Excellency was anxious to obtain repose from the labour and anxiety of long protracted official duties.

In parting with your Excellency, under these circumstances, we very inadequately express the feelings of our hearts when we say that to whatever portion of the globe your inclination may lead you, your Excellency will carry with you our anxious wishes for your continued prosperity, and our fervent prayers that you may enjoy in this world health and happiness, and in that which is to come, "the rest which remaineth to the people of God."

Signed by order, and on behalf of the annual assembly,

**THOMAS PENNOCK**, *Chairman.*  
**MATHEW BAXTER**, *Secretary.*  
**EDWARD JORDON**, *Treasurer.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Ministers, Stewards, and Delegates of the Wesleyan Association Societies.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my hearty thanks for the honor conferred on me by your kind address, and the affectionate sentiments which you entertain.

I trust that I shall have the satisfaction of hearing, in my retirement, of the increasing intelligence of the mass of the people of this island, and their devotion to social, moral, and religious duties. Their progress hitherto, under the guidance of the Ministers of the Gospel, has been highly creditable to themselves and their instructors; and encourages the hope of their becoming as perfect in the characters of good men and good citizens, as frail human beings can be expected to be. Their regular attendance at Divine Worship, and their generally orderly and proper conduct, are striking to every observer. Their present lot is a happy one—they enjoy all the rights of freedom, an abundant supply of food, and every other comfort at command, in a climate at all seasons

temperate, and in a country exceedingly fertile and productive. The acquisition of independence, and even of wealth, is in their power; but it is on their religious and moral instruction that their happiness will chiefly depend, and as this is mainly in the hands of their Ministers, it is to those reverend and pious servants of the Lord, that, under the mercy of the Almighty, the island will owe, in a great measure, the inestimable benefits to be derived from an industrious, educated, and virtuous population. God grant that such may be the result.

Permit me now, gentlemen, to say farewell. May the Great Giver of all Good bless you with every blessing.

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### ADDRESS OF THE NATIVE WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We beg leave, most respectfully, to approach your Excellency, through our Superintendent Minister, on behalf of the whole body of the Native Wesleyan Methodists Society, on the occasion of your Excellency's anticipated departure from this our island, and to assure your Excellency, that it is with the deepest feelings of regret we view your Excellency's relinquishing the government, and early departure from us, who have ever looked up to your Excellency for that fostering protection which we have always received at your hands, as a section of the Christian Church, during the short period of your Excellency's administration.

But, alas! your Excellency has woven an interesting cord around our hearts, with which it had just been bound up in affection towards your Excellency, when it is decreed to be cut asunder by separation. Yet we shall with the lame, the blind, the orphan, and the widow, ever truly remember with gratitude your Excellency's humanity and benevolence.

We co-operate in sentiments with the addresses already presented to your Excellency, but we could not allow your Excellency to retire from the government without expressing the heartfelt homage of that respect, gratitude, and love, which we, as a body, bear to your Excellency for that even-handed and impartial justice which has distinguished your Excellency in all your adjudications, and that unprecedented freedom from prejudice, which will ever grace your Excellency's administration in the annals of Jamaica, and will be handed down to generations yet unborn.

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In conclusion, we beg your Excellency to accept our thanks for your liberal donation and annual subscription in aid of our society, which we shall never cease to remember, and shall incessantly present our prayers to the Majesty of Heaven, that He will pour upon you the continuation of His blessings, spiritual as well as temporal; and that when it shall please Him to remove you from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, that He will bestow upon you a crown of glory which shall never fade; and that you may dwell amongst that society in Heaven, who cease not day and night to ascribe honor, and glory, and power to Him who sitteth upon the Throne of Grace for ever.

On behalf of the Society,

JAS. F. MELLAD.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Society of Native Wesleyan Methodists of the Island of Jamiaca.*

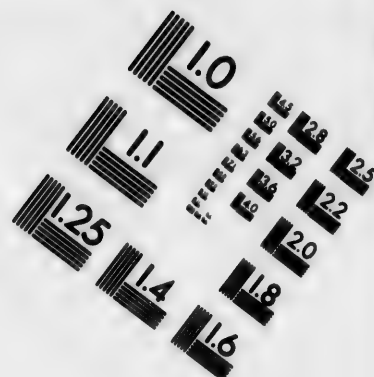
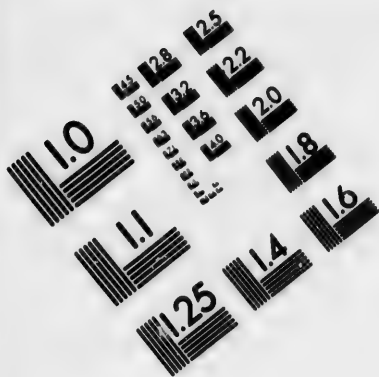
I thank you, gentlemen, sincerely for your kind and affectionate address.

You will ever have my cordial wishes that every blessing may attend you.

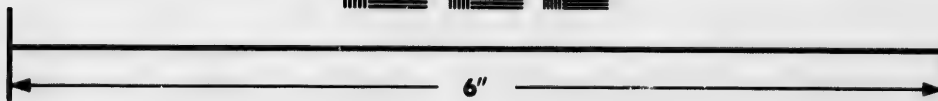
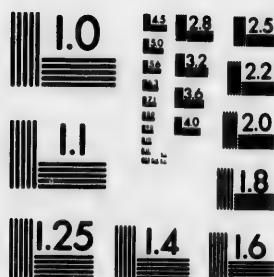
The greatest of blessings in this transitory life, which are contentment and the love of God, you may yourselves obtain. All good is from the Almighty, and to him the gratitude of all his creatures is due. Without him we are nothing. By his grace and favor we may obtain a crown of immortal glory. It is incumbent on us all, high and low, rich and poor, to perform our duty in our respective spheres, with humble and contrite hearts, and to regard our fellow-creatures with charity and brotherly love, so that we may become partakers of Divine Mercy. These and other truths of equal importance you continually learn from your ministers, who can tell you, that all earthly things are fleeting and vain, and that the only true joy is what penitent sinners experience in Heaven by the mercy of God and the atonement of the Blessed Saviour. I shall ever remember your kindness, and hope to hear continually of your welfare. May the Almighty grant to you the enjoyment of all the benefits that this world can bestow, and those of inestimable price, which are reserved for the good in eternity.







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## ADDRESS OF THE PORTLAND BAPTIST SOCIETY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR  
CHARLES T. METCALFE, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Pastor, Deacons, and Members of the Baptist Church, or Congregation of Protestant Dissenters in the Parish of Portland, have the honor to address your Excellency previous to your departure from this island.

We have the honor to express to your Excellency our continued feeling of steady loyalty and affection to our beloved Queen, and all the Members of the Royal Family, and our unwavering attachment to the British constitution and government.

We have the painful duty to express our sincere regret at your Excellency's intention to retire from the administration of the government of this island ; and deeply do we deplore that severity of indisposition, which compels your Excellency to adopt such a lamentable alternative. Our prayers have not ceased to be presented at the Throne of Grace on your Excellency's behalf, and sincerely do we sympathize with your Excellency in your affliction. May the Almighty Governor of the Universe hear our supplications, as He did those of King Hezekiah, and be pleased graciously to prolong your days on earth !

During your Excellency's administration, all classes of the community have had to deplore the recent commercial distresses of the colony, and the ravages of the late prevailing epidemic ; but it is universally acknowledged, that the public adversities have been greatly alleviated by your Excellency's benevolence and paternal solicitude, nor can we reflect upon your Excellency's unbounded charity, but with feelings of devout thankfulness to Almighty God, for placing you amongst us, and with sentiments of gratitude for those obligations under which your Excellency's beneficence has placed us.

Permit us, therefore, in congratulating your Excellency at the close of an administration, which has been attended with beneficial results, and crowned with so much success, to express our most fervent desire that your Excellency may soon be restored to your wonted health, and that the blessings of Almighty God may abundantly rest upon you wheresoever His good Providence may place you.

Signed on behalf of the Baptist Church, Port-Antonio.

THOMAS E. WARD, *Pastor.*

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### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Pastor, Deacons, and Members of the Baptist Church  
in the Parish of Portland.*

I thank you, gentlemen, sincerely for your kind address, and for the good wishes and friendly sentiments that you express.

I am happy to assure you that ill health has had no share in causing my intended departure from Jamaica. By the blessing of the Almighty I have enjoyed excellent general health continually during my residence in this island; and among the regrets with which I shall go away, will be that of leaving so delightful a climate as the mountains of Jamaica afford.

Accept my best wishes for your welfare and happiness here and hereafter.

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### ADDRESS OF THE SPANISH-TOWN UNION BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE,  
BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Members of the Spanish-Town Union Benevolent Society, beg leave to approach your Excellency with feelings of profound respect, and to offer our unfeigned regret at your departure from this island.

The mild and pacific manner in which your Excellency has administered the government of this colony, the faithful discharge of the important duties therewith connected, your unexampled liberality, and the benevolence by which you so eminently distinguished your readiness to relieve the wants of the distressed, and to support every object which is designed to benefit mankind, has not failed to engage the affections of our hearts, and excite in us lively emotions of gratitude and esteem towards your Excellency, as our benefactor and friend.

Your Excellency's kindness, in condescending to become the Patron and chief support of the Spanish-Town Union Benevolent Society, indicates that the ruling principle of your heart is—"charity and good will to all men;" also a noble imitation of our Divine Master—"who went about doing good;" and when we reflect that your Excellency came forward unhesitatingly, by munificent subscriptions, to strengthen our feeble efforts—to assist the poor and destitute, deeply must

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we deplore your Excellency's departure from this island, for, by that event, the poor will sustain an irreparable loss.

We commend your Excellency into the hands of that Being, with whom are the "issues of life and death," humbly imploring his Divine favor in your behalf—beseeching him, of his infinite mercy, to give the "winds and waves charge concerning you," that you may reach in safety the land of your nativity—that many days of peace and mercy may yet be added to your life, and that at the "time of the restitution of all things," when, as an hireling, you shall have accomplished your days upon earth, you may inherit "a crown of glory which fadeth not away."

May the Lord bless you, and keep you—may he cause his face to shine upon you, both now and evermore.

WILLIAM PAUL, *President of the Spanish-Town Union Benevolent Society.*

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Members of the Spanish-Town Union Benevolent Society.*

I thank you, gentlemen, very sincerely for the kind and affectionate address with which you have honored me.

I cannot refrain, on this occasion, from expressing my admiration of the character of your valuable institution, by which the poor and destitute of your community are upheld and cherished in the hour of need, and by which the extreme evils of misfortune, which may fall to the lot of any, are averted or assuaged, with the consolation of having laid a claim to alleviation in distress, by previous contributions to the aid of others.

God bless you, gentlemen, and grant that your benevolent Society may always find the support due to its exemplary merits.



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## ENGLISH AND GERMAN JEWS.

At a public meeting of the members of the above institution, holden at their Vestry Room, on Monday, the 21st March, 1842, in order to join in the general expression of deep regret at the intended departure from this island of our estimable Governor, Sir Charles Metcalfe, and to prepare an address to his Excellency on the occasion,

*Resolved*, That the intelligence of the intended departure from our shores, of our much and deservedly esteemed Governor, Sir Charles Metcalfe, has excited feelings of unfeigned regret in the minds of all classes of the inhabitants of this island.—The meeting therefore feels itself imperatively called on to unite in the general manifestation of sincere sorrow at the irreparable loss about to be sustained.

*Resolved*, That the liberal, enlightened, and conciliatory policy which has marked the administration of our estimable Governor—his cordial and ready support of every measure whose object was beneficial—his princely charities, his unostentatious but munificent aid, granted to, as soon as asked by, all classes of religionists, have endeared him to every inhabitant of this colony, and merit the tribute of our sincere and grateful acknowledgment. And whilst the memory of his great and good example will ever be cherished in our hearts, the record of his actions will be inscribed on the fairest pages of our history, an imperishable monument of his worth and virtue.

*Resolved*, That an humble address, expressive of the foregoing sentiments, be prepared and presented in the most acceptable manner to his Excellency, as a just, but feeble testimonial of the high sense entertained by this meeting, for the manifold important services rendered during his short sojourn here, and that Philip Lawrence, Samuel Jacobs, and Louis Lewis, Esqrs. together with the Rev. M. N. Nathan, be appointed a deputation for such purpose.

PHILIP LAWRENCE, *Chairman*.

Mr. Lawrence having been requested to leave the chair, Henry Levison, Esq. was called thereto, when the thanks of this meeting were recorded for his conduct on the occasion.

HENRY LEVISON.

## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS  
METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the members of the congregation of English and German Jews of the City and Parish of Kingston, beg leave most respectfully to approach your Excellency, and in common with all classes, to express our deep sorrow at the severe loss the island is about to sustain in the departure of your Excellency from these shores.

Identified as are our interests with the welfare of the colony, our feelings are still more warmly enlisted in whatever concerns it, since we enjoy here equally with all our fellow-subjects, privileges and immunities denied us in other parts of her Majesty's dominions. We, therefore, stand not aloof, but join in the general regret which pervades the minds of all, particularly when the advantages arising from the enlightenment, generosity, and kindness which have distinguished your administration, are considered.

We should, however, have been wanting in gratitude to your Excellency, had we, on the present occasion, failed to express our sentiments, separately, as a religious body, for the noble and disinterested conduct you have maintained, and for the charity of heart and hand you have evinced in all cases, and to all sects; nor can we ever forget the kind feeling you displayed, not only towards our brethren here, but also on behalf of the sufferers at Rhodes and Damascus. The sympathy manifested towards the poor and afflicted—the assistance amply afforded to the wants of others, and the support and patronage extended to works of public utility, cannot fail to meet that recompense, which the great judge of our actions awards to the benevolent, to secure the peace of an approving conscience, and indelibly to engrave your memory on the hearts of a grateful posterity.

In the departure of your Excellency, we shall deplore the loss of a tried friend, who watched over the best interests of the people, with the unceasing solicitude of paternal consideration, whose wisdom ensured the just administration of the laws, and whose urbanity of manner secured the love and esteem of all.

In tendering to your Excellency these our unfeigned sentiments, we offer our fervent prayers to the Throne of Grace, for your prosperous passage home—for a long and uninterrupted

enjoyment of health, and for the possession of every happiness, which a bountiful Creator can bestow.

By direction and on behalf of the meeting,

P. LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Members of the Congregation of English and German Jews of the City and Parish of Kingston.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my warmest thanks for the sentiments that you have expressed on the occasion of my approaching departure.

To be deemed worthy of such kindness, I must ever prize as one of the highest honors that can be received.

You have justly alluded to the fact, that you enjoy in Jamaica, equally with all your fellow subjects, privileges and immunities denied to you in other parts of the British dominions. The fact is honorable to this island, and the reverse is discreditable to the mother-country. I trust that the time is near when the Legislature of the United Kingdom will follow the example of that of Jamaica, and grant equal rights to all the loyal subjects of our gracious Queen without distinction. We have here proof, from experience, that this can be done, not only without injury, but with manifest benefit, and I hope to see the day when it will be admitted by the Imperial Parliament, that all who contribute to the support of the State are entitled to the enjoyment of equal rights, and that the surest mode of promoting the stability of an empire is to unite all hearts in common interests and brotherly love.

My best wishes will ever attend you, gentlemen, with a cordial desire for your prosperity and happiness.

#### SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE JEWS.

At a public meeting of the Wardens, Elders, and Members of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation of Kingston; held on Tuesday the 22d March, for the purpose of preparing an humble address to our highly respected Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, on his approaching departure from the government of this island,

MOSES SARFATY, Esq. was called to the chair.

*It was unanimously Resolved, That this meeting feels the*

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deepest regret at the approaching departure of our highly esteemed Governor, Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, from our shores.

*Resolved*—That, in common with the rest of our fellow-citizens, we deem it indispensably our duty to offer a tribute of our respect and veneration for a Ruler, the memory of whose acts will be for ever cherished by the inhabitants of Jamaica.

*Resolved*—That an address, expressive of our feelings on this occasion, be presented to his Excellency, and that M. Delgado, J. R. De Cordova, D. J. Alberga, and M. Q. Henriques, Esqrs. be a committee to prepare the same.

*Resolved*—That the following Gentlemen, viz.—M. Delgado, M. Sarfaty, and M. Q. Henriques, Esqrs. do present the address to his Excellency in the most acceptable manner.

*Resolved*—That these Resolutions be published.

M. SARFATY.

M. Sarfaty having left the chair, Moses Delgado, Esq. was called thereto, when it was Resolved, that the thanks of this meeting be recorded to M. Sarfaty, Esq. for his conduct on this occasion.

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#### THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BART. GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Wardens, Elders, and other Members of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Congregation of Kingston, beg to approach your Excellency, to express our sincere regret at the intended departure of your Excellency from Jamaica.

It has been a signal blessing to our island in having a Governor, whose character would have reflected honor upon any condition of fortune ; but who was placed by Providence in that elevated rank, which allowed his virtues to shine with extensive lustre, and to diffuse their auspicious influence over a whole island.

Our gratitude and esteem can be inscribed to none more suitably than to one who, in a high and responsible station, has ever supported the cause of religion, by his liberal toleration of all sects, who has advanced the interest of virtue by his distinguished example, and who, by a happy union of the amiable with the estimable qualities, has commanded the love and respect of the inhabitants generally throughout the island.

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calculated to inspire the love and veneration, affection and gratitude, of every individual, who can estimate true worth. Your Excellency has restored to Jamaica that peace and harmony, which at present so happily prevail.

Although it is our duty to bow with submission, and to be reconciled to such changes and appointments as may be ordained by the will of Providence, yet we cannot but regret the dispensation which deprives us of one so universally esteemed, and of a Governor whose administration has been so eminently distinguished for its liberality, justice, and wisdom.

We fervently pray the Supreme Architect of the Universe may continue to shower down his blessings on you, and that your Excellency's valuable life may be spared for many years.

On behalf of the Meeting,

M. SARFATY, *Chairman.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Wardens, Elders, and other Members of the Congregation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews.*

I value most highly, gentlemen, the honor that you have conferred on me by your affectionate address, and I beg you to accept my cordial thanks for the kind feelings that have dictated so distinguished a mark of your esteem.

My best wishes for your welfare and happiness will ever be with you, and I trust that I shall hereafter have the pleasure of learning that the gloom of late years has passed away, and that you have shared with all classes in the revived prosperity of this fertile island, which the bounty of the Almighty has blessed with capabilities, that industry and enterprise can scarcely fail to convert into sources of agricultural and commercial wealth.

## ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF JAMAICA.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,  
&c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the President, Censors, and Fellows of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Jamaica, assembled at a quarterly general meeting, beg leave to approach your Excellency to express our sense of the immensity of the debt which Jamaica must ever owe to your Excellency as her Governor, and our high appreciation of your worth as a man. At a time when the voice of gratitude, proceeding from the overflowing hearts of a people made happy by your wise and beneficent government, is resounding throughout the island—at a time when a whole people are endeavouring, by every means which warm and right feelings can suggest, to give expression to the magnitude and sincerity of their affection and respect, and more than all, when every individual is regarding, in the departure of your Excellency, the loss of a generous friend, we need not trespass on your Excellency with the feeble tribute of our praise.

But we should be unmindful of our duty to your Excellency, at the present moment, if we should fail to acknowledge, that under, and by the benign influence of, your government, the legislature of this island, freed from the difficulties and distractions which rendered all attempts at legislation almost useless, were enabled to give that consideration to the medical profession which we so long and earnestly asked for, and to pass an act conferring upon us several privileges, which must contribute to the advancement and improvement of our profession, as well as to the public good.

In bidding your Excellency farewell, we shall pray for your safe arrival in England, and that all the happiness and peace which belong to retirement, after a useful and well spent life, may there await you.

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the President, Censors, and Fellows of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Jamaica.*

I shall always bear, gentlemen, in grateful recollection, a sense of the high honor conferred on me by your kind address,

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I trust that the establishment of your institution will promote the advancement of medical skill and science, already existing in an eminent degree in this island, and tend to secure the health and preserve the lives of its inhabitants.

Enviably is the ability which your noble profession possesses of alleviating the pains incident to mortal life, and of warding off, as long as nature will permit, the shafts of death, which, though it must at last come to all, is often deprived of a premature triumph by the skill which you wield for the benefit of mankind. Much to be revered is that wonderful power, the fruit of deep study and sound judgment, which can restore health to a sickly body, and sanity to a diseased mind; the infant to its doating mother; the wife to her despairing husband; and happiness to an afflicted family, in the place of threatened desolation. Pure and holy must be your joy when such are the results of the services to which your lives are devoted.

Among those things which I have seen cause to regret in Jamaica, is the unfavorable consequence, on numbers of your profession, of the righteous change which has taken place in the social relations of the inhabitants of the island. Although so great a good must be hailed with universal joy, notwithstanding partial evils, it is lamentable, however unavoidable, that an effect should be produced which must be injurious, not only to the medical profession, but to all the inhabitants, and most of all to the poorer classes. It is to be hoped that means may be devised, by which the blessings of medical advice may be restored to the community in all parts of the country from which it has been driven by want of adequate remuneration.—The subject will, no doubt, engage your zealous attention.

That public benefit may ensue from your collective proceedings, that happiness may shine on your private lives, that you may continue to be, as you are, a blessing ever at hand to all others, and that you may be blessed yourselves, and rewarded by the Almighty for the good you do, will be among the earnest wishes that I shall always cherish in my reminiscences of this kind land.

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### THE JAMAICA SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of the Jamaica Society—Present—

*President.*—E. N. Bancroft, M. D.

*Vice-Presidents.*—George Atkinson, Esq. and James M'Fayden, M. D.

John Ferguson, M. D.; William Arnold, M. D.; J. Daughtrey, Esq.; Alexander Campbell, M. D.; John Nethersole, Esq.; E. C. Lewis, Esq.; H. L. Porter, M. R. C. S.; and Charles Campbell, M. D.

*Secretary.*—Walter Knaggs, Esq.

The requisition to the President, and his answer, having been read, Doctor Bancroft, in a short address, explained the purpose for which the meeting had been called.

The following resolutions were then laid before the society:—

1st. Proposed by George Atkinson, Esq. seconded by John Nethersole, Esq.

That this society has learned, with sincere regret, the intention of his Excellency Sir C. T. Metcalfe to retire from the government of this island.

2d. Proposed by Dr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Arnold.

That the sincere thanks of the members are due, and are hereby respectfully offered, to his Excellency Sir C. T. Metcalfe, the honored patron of this society, for the lively interest he has shewn in its welfare, and for the great liberality with which he has been pleased to forward its views.

3d. Proposed by G. Atkinson, Esq. seconded by Dr. Porter.

That a committee be appointed to draw up an address expressive of the feelings of the society, to be presented to his Excellency.

Dr. Bancroft then proceeded to appoint the following gentlemen a committee:—

George Atkinson, Esq.; James McFayden, M.D.; John Ferguson, M.D.; William Arnold, M.D.; and J. Daughtrey, Esq.

The committee having retired, presented a copy of the proposed address for approval to the society.

Proposed by Dr. Porter, seconded by Dr. Arnold.

That the address, as framed by the committee, be adopted, and that the President be requested to sign the same on behalf of the society.

Proposed by Dr. Ferguson, seconded by Dr. Campbell.

That the President be requested to forward the address to Captain Higginson, for presentation to his Excellency.

WALTER KNAGGS, *Sec.*

## THE ADDRESS.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the President, and Members of the Jamaica Society for the Encouragement of Agriculture and other Arts and Sciences, of which your Excellency has been pleased to be the patron, beg to express our deep regret at your retiring from this government.

Among the numerous and great benefits which your paternal rule has conferred on Jamaica, we trust that one of the most enduring will be derived from the very general institution of societies for promoting agriculture, and awarding prizes to the laborers for pursuits hitherto little noticed, or unknown to them. To these institutions, mainly attributable to your fostering care and encouragement, we must look as the source of that feeling which will convince the laborer that the cultivation of the soil and agricultural pursuits are not the mark of slavery, but the object of regard to the well informed and enlightened free man of every class in society.

We hope that your Excellency may enjoy the retirement you now seek, honored by the Sovereign, as you will assuredly be attended by the sincere affection and fervent good wishes of this whole community.

On behalf of the Jamaica Society,

E. N. BANCROFT, *President.*

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the President and Members of the Jamaica Society for the encouragement of Agriculture and other Arts and Sciences.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my cordial thanks for your kindness.

Permit me also to thank you, on the part of Jamaica, for the services which you render by the zealous prosecution of your interesting and valuable pursuits, in which the cause of agriculture and of the arts and sciences is essentially promoted with infallible and lasting advantage to the island; and men are also drawn together in the delightful ties of harmony and brotherly love, by a common interest in the same engaging objects.

I trust that the formation, which has taken place, of agricultural societies throughout the country, has produced, and

will produce every where, the same encouraging and beneficial effects.

My best wishes for the success of your noble institution will ever attend you, and if, in my future retirement at home, I can in any way, as a private individual, assist in the advancement of your undertaking, I hope that you will command my services, with the assurance that the affection and the gratitude which I shall ever feel towards Jamaica, will make me anxious to do every thing in my power to promote her welfare.

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### ADDRESS OF THE ST. ANDREW'S AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of the Agricultural Association of Saint Andrew's, beg leave to express our deep regret at the resignation, by your Excellency, of the government of this island.

Among the many munificent acts which have distinguished your residence in this community, we would gratefully acknowledge the encouragement and liberal aid you have afforded to this and other Societies devoted to the advancement of agriculture. It is on the success of this branch of industry, that the future prosperity of this island must, in a great measure, depend; and should this and similar associations be of any service in forwarding this desirable object, we must ascribe it in no small degree to the fostering and liberal patronage which has been extended to them by your Excellency.

It only remains for us to assure you of the sincere wishes which, with the whole of this community, we entertain for your future happiness and welfare.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JOSEPH GORDON, *President.*

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#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the President, Vice-Presidents, and other Members of the Agricultural Association of the Parish of St. Andrew:*

Were I to give way to my feelings, gentlemen, on the receipt of your friendly communication, I could hardly avoid a repetition of the sentiments which I have already conveyed to

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 methods of agriculture, and habits of economy and manage-  
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 forth the latent resources with which there is reason to hope  
 this fertile island abounds, and essentially contribute to the  
 restoration of prosperity and wealth.

One of the most obvious measures tending to diminution of  
 expense in cultivation, and one of the first and readiest at hand,  
 is the general use of the plough, already, I am happy to think,  
 to a considerable extent adopted. Every friend to Jamaica  
 must say “Speed the Plough.”

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESI-  
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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. SIR C. T. MET-  
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 THE ST. GEORGE'S AGRICULTURAL AND IMMIGRATION  
 SOCIETY.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the President, Vice-President, and Members of the  
 St. George's Agricultural and Immigration Society, impressed  
 with gratitude for the honor you conferred on us in becoming  
 our patron, greatly lament your approaching departure, espe-  
 cially at a time when our agricultural condition is so deeply  
 depressed, that we can scarcely expect to regain any degree  
 of prosperity by our own exertions, unless aided and fostered  
 by a protecting government, and an enlightened and liberal  
 mind, capable and willing to judge of our helpless condition.

In this new era, we are obliged to import silver for the pay-  
 ment of labour, before we can produce exportable products.  
 Of this we should not complain, if our money could command  
 profitable labour. But alas! such is not the case; an inade-  
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and exhausting finance. In this dilemma we looked forward with anxiety to the introduction of active labourers, as the natural and obvious remedy for that deficiency of labour, which reduces our fertile fields to waste, prevents the resources of this island, so important from its commercial, political, and geographical situation, from being manifested; drains our pockets, endangers our revenue, and threatens to render abortive the observation of a former respected Governor, the Earl of Belmore, who said "this fine island can never develop the abundance of its resources while slavery continues." We, in these days of freedom, seek to develop those resources, and to maintain our agricultural staples, but without hands our efforts will remain paralyzed.

Under your Excellency's patronage and government, we, however, cherished a confiding hope that proper immigration would be promoted, and our difficulties diminished. How greatly then must we not deplore your departure!

As our patron, friend, and benefactor, we beg your Excellency to accept our warmest wishes for your future welfare.

At the request, and on behalf of the meeting,

J. R. GROSETT, *President.*

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the President, Vice President, and Members of the Saint George's Agricultural and Immigration Society.*

I thank you, gentlemen, cordially, for the kind sentiments which you entertain towards me. I shall ever remember with pleasure my connection with your society, the formation of which was calculated to render, and is, I trust, rendering, and will continue to render, great benefit.

I sympathize in the feelings which you express, arising from the want of certain and continuous labour. It is manifest that in many parts of the island this disheartening evil weighs heavily on the agricultural proprietor, and the more so, because the only perceptible remedy may be slow in coming, and cannot be thoroughly realized with the requisite speed.—European immigration has been tried, and as a general or immediate relief, has proved a failure. The mode has not been discovered without sacrifices on the part of their employers, which few can afford to encounter, of reconciling Europeans generally to a residence in those parts of the island best suited to the European constitution. They become dissatisfied, and flock to the towns in the lowlands, where many die. I hope that the day may come when they may be located in numerous villages in proper positions in the interior, where, I am sure,

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they would add much to their own comfort and happiness, and to the welfare and prosperity of Jamaica, but it is difficult to anticipate whence the means will be derived for a plan which will necessarily, in the first instance, be expensive.

Endeavors have been made to procure laborers from Sierra Leone, the Bahama Islands, and the continent of America, with partial and hitherto inadequate success; but I trust that the object will be persevered in, and ultimately accomplished. There is abundance of space in Jamaica for any number of new labourers that can be obtained within the bounds of probability, without the slightest injury to those who at present compose the labouring class in this island. A great increase is obviously necessary to supply the places of those who withdraw, and to procure a sufficient number, bound by their wants or their habits, to labour continuously for their employers; without which it is impossible that the latter can cultivate their estates on the present system without frequent disappointments, and consequent heavy losses. It is most true, that owing to this general want, the resources of Jamaica cannot at present be developed. The same want is happily not universal, for there are some localities in which all the labour required is said to be sufficiently supplied, and such would be every where the natural effect of an abundant population.

As this is not likely to be produced by any contrivance, otherwise than gradually, it behoves the possessors of land to consider whether any means can be devised that may enable them to dispense with any portion of the labour at present requisite, and thus to render the existing supply practically more sufficient. The general use of the plough, and the increased employment of machinery, offer some resources in this respect. Another mode of proceeding, which has been suggested and elsewhere put in practice with declared success, is to alter the connection with the labourer, and convert him into a tenant, or at least give him an interest in the produce, by making him the producer and a sharer in the profit. The manifest effects of such an arrangement would be to reduce the great outlay of money wages, which is now a continual burthen on the landowner, to cause the produce to be reared at the cost and trouble of the tenant or cultivator, to receive, free of expence in advance, a due portion, as belonging to the owner of the soil, and to entice a greater degree of active and zealous labor on the part of the cultivator, he sharing the advantage of it. Whether in other respects, or on the whole, this plan would be beneficial to the proprietor, and preferable to the present system of labor and money wages, it is for him

to consider and determine, as he must be the best judge in what regards his own interests.

The only fear that I see reason to entertain in quitting Jamaica, is with regard to the difficulty of cultivating the land with adequate profit, and I shall look anxiously to the result. God grant that it may be such as will benefit all parties; for the labourer, as well as the proprietor, is interested in the successful cultivation of the land, and the prosperity of its owners.

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[The following Addresses were sent in after a pause in the presentation and printing of the foregoing ones, and have therefore occasioned some interruption in the order in which they would have been placed.]

### ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS OF ST. JAMES AND TRELAWNY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON. SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Undersigned, Presbyterian Ministers, on behalf of ourselves and our brethren, and of the Churches under our care, in the parishes of Saint James and Trelawny, beg leave to approach your Excellency, on occasion of the lamented departure of your Excellency from this country.

When we remember the distractions which prevailed in this island, at the period of your arrival, and the calm which immediately succeeded; when we contemplated the wisdom and mildness, and firmness which have characterized your administration of the government of this colony, and the benefits which have flowed from it to all classes of its inhabitants, whereby every person has enjoyed the utmost attainable measure of peace and security, we feel grateful to Heaven for having sent us, even for a short time, a Ruler who has indeed proved himself the "Minister of God to us for good, a terror not to good works, but to the evil." Under your Excellency's benign government, freedom has been consolidated, agriculture has revived, education has been extended, and the various branches of the Christian Church in the island have been equally encouraged.

While we deplore your Excellency's removal from among us, we cannot doubt but the good you have done will long con-

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tinue. Your name, and the memory of your equal and gentle way, will exercise the most happy influence for years to come.

Our best wishes for your welfare and happiness will follow your Excellency on your retirement from the arduous public duties of your elevated station, and our prayers will ascend to the Throne of Grace, "that your soul may prosper and be in health;" and that you may enjoy every spiritual blessing for time and for eternity, through the "one mediator between God and Man—Christ Jesus."

H. M. WADDELL.  
PETER ANDERSON.  
ROBERT THORBURN.  
JAMES DENNISTON.

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Presbyterian Ministers of the Parishes of St. James and Trelawny.*

I beg you, Reverend Gentlemen, to accept my heartfelt thanks for the affectionate address which you have had the kindness to present to me, on behalf of yourselves and your brethren, and of the Churches under your care, on the occasion of my retirement from the government of Jamaica. This testimony of your esteem will ever be dear to me, and will be treasured among those tokens of public approbation which I shall always prize as the sweetest rewards of the honest discharge of public duty.

I am now in hourly expectation of the arrival of my successor, and the pressure of business attending the expected immediate transfer of the government to his hands, prevents my attempting to express to you, at any length, the sense which I entertain of the services which you and your Reverend brethren have rendered to the cause of religion, and the welfare of this island by your pastoral care of the flocks entrusted by the Lord to your keeping. Those sacred labours I highly appreciate, and I humbly pray that they may continue to be successful to the fulfilment of your hearts desire, and the Glory of the Almighty.

ADDRESS OF THE JAMAICA NATIVE BAPTIST  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF KINGSTON, AND  
OTHER PARISHES.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES  
THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Pastor, and Members of the Native Baptist Society, beg leave to approach your Excellency with feelings of profound respect, and to offer our unfeigned regret at your departure from this island.

The mild and pacific manner in which your Excellency has administered the government of this island, the faithful discharge of the important duties therewith connected, your unexampled liberality, and the benevolence by which you so eminently distinguished your readiness to relieve the wants of the distressed, and to support every object which is designed to benefit mankind, has not failed to engage the affections of our hearts, and to excite in us lively emotions of gratitude and esteem towards your Excellency, as our benefactor and friend.

Your Excellency's kindness in condescending to become the Patron and chief supporter of the Jamaica Native Baptist Missionary Society, indicates that the ruling principle of your heart is charity and good will to men—also a noble imitation of our Divine Master, who went about doing good. And when we reflect that your Excellency came forward unhesitatingly, by munificent subscriptions, to strengthen our feeble efforts—to assist the poor and destitute—deeply must we deplore your Excellency's departure from this island, for by that event the poor will sustain an irreparable loss.

We commend your Excellency into the hands of that Being, with whom are the issues of life and death, humbly imploring His Divine favour in your behalf, beseeching Him of His infinite mercy to give His Angels charge concerning you—that you may reach in safety the land of your nativity. That many years of peace and mercy may yet be added to your life, and that, at the time of restitution of all things, when as an hireling, you shall have accomplished your days upon earth, you may inherit a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

May the Lord bless and keep you—may He cause His face to shine upon you both now and evermore.

On behalf of the Society,

WILLIAM KILLICK, *Chairman.*

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Pastor and Members of the Native Baptist Society.*

I thank you, gentlemen, very cordially for your kind address, I shall ever regard your welfare with a warm interest, and I hope, when at a distance, to hear that you continue to prosper, and that your community ever follows the right course of duty towards God, and love to your fellow creatures; remembering that this life is one of preparation for another and a better world, where the good and the penitent will be rewarded through the incomparable mercy of the Almighty, and those that persevere in evil punished according to their deserts. This prospect, awful and terrible on the one hand, and sublime and blissful on the other, ought to make every one contented with his lot here, seeing that it is as nothing compared with his destiny hereafter, which may be either everlasting happiness, or eternal misery, as he conducts himself during this transitory time of trial. God grant that you may make election for yourselves of the way to salvation, by performing your appointed parts in life industriously, honestly, charitably, morally, and religiously, and enjoy every benefit that this world can afford, as a prelude to the inestimable blessings of eternity.

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ADDRESS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CONGREGATION AT THE ABOVE ROCKS, ST. THOMAS IN THE VALE.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE, BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Pastor, and Members of the Roman Catholic Congregation, at the Above Rocks district, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, respectfully beg leave to approach your Excellency for the purpose of expressing our deep regret at your Excellency's departure from our shores.

When we recall to our memory the distracted state of this colony at the time when your Excellency was appointed by our gracious Sovereign to undertake its government, and look at the peaceable and orderly condition of all classes of its inhabitants, we sincerely and gratefully acknowledge that so wonderful a change has been the effect of your Excellency's

Chairman.

wise government, and particularly of that spirit of conciliation which so much distinguishes your Excellency.

Since every good gift comes from God, and it is He who, in His mercy, sends to us wise rulers, we deem it our duty to render Him our warmest thanks for the many benefits which, as inhabitants of Jamaica, we have derived from your Excellency's administration of this island; and though the time of your Excellency's stay amongst us has been short, we merely hope that it will be productive of effects of a longer duration, and will become the dawn of long days of renewed prosperity.

We will never forget that it was during your Excellency's government, and in great part by your generosity, that we were enabled to erect a place of worship to the glory of God; and it shall be our constant duty to offer there to Almighty God our prayers that He may vouchsafe to pour upon your Excellency his choicest blessings, both in this and the next life.

Or behalf of the Congregation,

J. E. DUPERON, R. C. P.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Pastor and Members of the Roman Catholic Congregation at the Above Rocks District, in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.*

I thank you very cordially, gentlemen, for your kind address, and for the obliging sentiments which you express on the occasion of my departure from Jamaica, and with reference to my administration of the government of this important portion of the British Empire. If I have deserved your good opinions, the reward is sweet; if, as I fear, you overrate my humble pretensions, sweet still is the generous feeling by which you are actuated; and I shall cherish the remembrance of it with lasting gratification.

I trust that I shall continually hear of your prosperity and welfare, and that the Almighty giver of all good will grant you every blessing.

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## ADDRESS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE MICO CHARITY SCHOOLS IN JAMAICA.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, K.C.B. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the teachers at present and lately in the service of the Mico Charity in this island, are desirous of conveying to your Excellency the expression of our sincere feeling of deep respect and affectionate regard on the occasion of your Excellency's departure.

Connected as we are with an institution which has, with the liberal assistance of her Majesty's government, diffused most extensively the blessings of Bible education amongst the labouring population of this and the other British colonies in the West Indies, we could not but feel sincere gratification on witnessing the deep interest manifested on all occasions by your Excellency, in the advancement of the religious and moral improvement of the community; and, with gratitude, acknowledge the valuable assistance afforded by your Excellency to the various institutions devoted to the accomplishment of this very important object.

The moral training of the rising generation, as well as the extension of Christian ordinances amongst the adult population is, in the estimation of all Christian philanthropists, at any period of a nation's progression, a question of momentous importance. But in the present state of these communities, unprecedented as it is in the history of the world, it is most assuredly of incalculable importance, whether we consider the past circumstances, the present condition, or the future destinies of the bulk of the population. In giving your valuable support and encouragement, therefore, to such a cause, your Excellency has performed the part of a paternal and benevolent Ruler, and greatly promoted the best interests of the whole community. May future generations, under the blessing of Divine Providence, reap every advantage thereby—that peace and happiness—truth and justice—religion and piety, may be established and perpetuated amongst us, as the happy consequence of the present united prayers and zealous labours of your Excellency, and the good men with whom your Excellency has so generously and effectively co-operated.

Though the humble individuals who now address your Excellency, have studiously avoided all connection with political or polemical parties, and have exclusively confined themselves to the unobtrusive duties of their vocation, they have not been inattentive observers of recent events, and of the rapid pro-

gress of social improvement around them. It is, therefore, with heartfelt pleasure, they feel themselves impelled to join in the grateful tribute of the people of Jamaica, and to bear their humble testimony to the happy effects which have resulted from your Excellency's wise, benevolent, liberal, and Christian administration of the government of this country.

Most earnestly will they pray for your Excellency's future happiness. Whether you should seek that repose which your Excellency's lengthened and important labours entitle you to, or your own physical comfort may require, or whether you shall again respond to the fond wishes of a thankful people, or the gracious command of an applauding Sovereign—in private retirement, or in public and active service, may your Excellency fully enjoy that sweet peace of mind which passeth all understanding, and live long in the quiet and comfortable assurance of a hope beyond the grave.

Signed on behalf of the Teachers of the Mico Charity,  
JOHN M'SWINEY, *Superintendent*.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Teachers of the Mico Charity Schools in Jamaica.*

I beg you, gentlemen, to accept my cordial thanks for the kind sentiments expressed in your affectionate address.

When I reflect on the immense importance of education, no where more conspicuous than in this island, and on the services which you, gentlemen, have rendered to Jamaica, as agents of the Mico Charity, in affording that inestimable benefit to numerous bodies of the offspring of the population, I feel that you have a claim to public thanks, which I should in vain attempt to express in adequate terms.

The necessity which the government at home is under of gradually diminishing its grant in aid of the funds of the Mico Charity, is much to be lamented. A hope remains that the sense entertained by the people of the advantage of education, will induce those, who were hitherto dependent on your Establishments to obtain instruction, either at their own cost, or by having recourse to the other religious and charitable institutions which exist in the island, for the same noble purpose.

God grant that this hope may be realized, and that you, gentlemen, who have devoted your lives to the benefit of your fellow-creatures, may be rewarded with such rewards as this world can bestow, of which the purest and least precarious is the consciousness of usefulness, and with those more precious blessings which well-spent lives, through the great mercy of the Almighty, will ensure in eternity.

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# ADDRESS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR  
CHARLES T. METCALFE, &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Members of the newly-formed African Benevolent Society, having for its object to assist the Wesleyan Society in sending Missionaries to proclaim the glad tidings of Salvation to the benighted Sons of Africa, beg to approach your Excellency with feelings of deep and sincere regret at your resignation of the government of, and departure from, this island.

The wounds inflicted on Jamaica by the storms of discord and strife, raging at the period of your Excellency's arrival in this island, have been healed by your Excellency's acting the part of the good Samaritan, in binding up the wounds—by pouring in the oil of consolation, and a season of peace and security has ever been enjoyed throughout the island. The people of this island have to lament the loss of their benefactor, and to their benefactor, they owe a debt of gratitude which they will never be able to liquidate. The evangelization of Africa, Sir, is a subject every Christian man ought warmly to embark in; and it is our prayer that the time may arrive, when Africa shall rise from her present degraded state to equal in magnificence and Christian glory, the first empire that has ever been known to exist in our world. May the Almighty God, disposer of all good gifts, guide over the billows of the ocean the ship appointed to convey your Excellency to your native shore in health, and may the many rich and abundant blessings which He never ceases to bestow on all good men, rest on the head of your Excellency the remaining days that may be allotted for your sojourn here on earth. And although we part never to meet again in this world, it is certain we will meet in another, and hope it may be at the throne of our Common Lord, there to receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

ROGER GOUGH.  
JAMES GILCHRIST.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Members of the African Benevolent Society.*

I thank you, Gentlemen, cordially, for your kind and affectionate address on the occasion of my departure from Jamaica,

and I beg you to accept my sincere wish that every good may attend you.

The purpose for which your Society is formed, is one that must interest every Christian heart. God grant that it may be accomplished, and that Africa may receive and enjoy the blessings of civilization, and of that pure religion which carries with it peace and good will, and charity and brotherly love to all men, so that bloody sacrifices and devastating wars, and slavery and all its horrors, may cease in that hitherto devoted land, and the mercy of the Almighty shine upon happy realms, and a free and virtuous people.

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**ADDRESS OF THE VICAR APOSTOLIC, THE CLERGY, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KINGSTON.**

**TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES T. METCALFE, BARONET, GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, &c. &c.**

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Vicar Apostolic, the Clergy, and Members of the Roman Catholic Church in Kingston, beg leave to approach your Excellency to express our sense of regret at your Excellency's departure from this island.

It has been with the greatest pleasure we have beheld the unanimity of all classes of the inhabitants of Jamaica, in paying to your Excellency that tribute of praise and gratitude to which the wisdom of your government and the effusions of your liberality have entitled your Excellency; and if we are amongst the last who have presented to your Excellency the expression of their grateful feelings, we dare say we do not yield to any one in this community, in the persuasion that the name of Metcalfe will always be dear to the inhabitants of this island, as it cannot be separated from the remembrance of the happy results of your Excellency's sojourn amongst us.

As we cannot pay the debt of gratitude which we owe to your Excellency, we shall deem it our duty to address to Him, who is rich in mercy, our daily prayers that He may deign to supply, by His best spiritual as well as temporal gifts, our own inefficiency.

In behalf of the Clergy and Members of the Roman Catholic Church.

**BENITTO FERNANDEZ, Vic. Ap.**

HIIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Vicar Apostolic, the Clergy, and Members of the Roman Catholic Church in Kingston.*

I thank you cordially, Reverend Sirs and Gentlemen, for the affectionate address with which you have honored me on the occasion of my departure from Jamaica, and for the kind sentiments therein expressed. I shall ever cherish, with grateful feelings, the recollection of your goodness.

May the Father of All grant to you health and happiness, and bless you with every blessing.

ADDRESS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLICS OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, BARONET, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your Excellency,*

We, the Officiating Clergyman, Trustees, and Committee for the establishment of a Roman Catholic Church in Spanish-Town, for the County of Middlesex, in the name and on behalf of the Catholics of said County, beg to approach your Excellency with the tribute of our warmest sentiments of respect and esteem, and our deep regret at the near arrival of the period when your Excellency will resign the government of this island.

The bounty so generously bestowed by your Excellency on the religious, charitable, and educational establishments of this Country, has been not only liberal, but unprecedented, and demands the lasting gratitude of all. While for your very handsome donation, and liberal annual subscription to our Infant Catholic establishment at the seat of government, we beg, in the name and on behalf of the Catholics of Middlesex, to offer your Excellency our most grateful acknowledgments; and in bidding your Excellency farewell, we beg you to be assured, that our best wishes will ever attend you, and we shall be glad to learn that your long tried and faithful services have been duly appreciated by our most gracious Sovereign.

J. E. DUPEYRON.

ALEX. GRANT, *Treasurer.*

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## HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

*To the Roman Catholics of the County of Middlesex.*

I thank you, gentlemen, cordially, for your address. I receive it at the moment when the arrival of my successor is announced, and have only time to add my fervent wishes, that, in common with the other Inhabitants of Jamaica, you may enjoy peace and prosperity, health and happiness, and every other blessing.

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